

Subject: Year 7 Drama Carousel

Carousel Rotation

To ensure our curriculum provides a broad range of experiences and learning opportunities, students will study a range of subjects on a carousel. These subjects will last one term and all students will have the opportunity to experience these subjects over the course of an academic year.

Prior knowledge:

Drama as an individual subject is not part of the compulsory curriculum, however it does feature as part of the English curriculum. In Key Stage 1 and 2, students *“should be enabled to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the artistic practice of drama. Students should be able to adopt, create and sustain a range of roles, responding appropriately to others in role. They should have opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for one another and a range of audiences, as well as to rehearse, refine, share, and respond thoughtfully to drama and theatre performances.”*

Term 1 knowledge:

Students will have one term of Drama in Year 7 and will be introduced to the fundamentals of Drama. During the term, students will develop the foundation knowledge of key skills and techniques central to understanding Drama. These include Freeze Frames, Thought Tracking, Narration, Characterisation and Hot-Seating. Students will develop both their understanding of what the skills/techniques are, why they are used in Drama and progress their own practical skills. They will develop skills and knowledge through script work, devising, performing, and watching professional work. Students will be introduced to practitioners through watching professional repertoire and appreciate the different elements that contribute to an effective performance. They will explore the different roles that work together to make it effective including actors, directors, and designers, alongside learning how production features such as lighting, costume and staging/set enhance the performance. Through this exploration they will also be able to make comments on what they have seen.

Future knowledge:

The knowledge and skills developed in Year 7 supports students' ability to progress in Year 8. They will have furthered their understanding of the skills and knowledge required to make a Drama piece effective and will be prepared to analyse performances in more depth and explore more challenging repertoire. Students' confidence will have increased so they will be more able to apply themselves practically in future Drama lessons and advance their application of rehearsal and performance skills.