



Year 8 Annual Exam for Drama

Key Question (s)?	<i>How do varying contexts effect the theatrical skills I use?</i> <i>What elements make up a script?</i> <i>How can I use my theatrical skills to perform an extract from a play?</i>
Examination concept	Students will learn the importance of character development through understanding context and sub-text. Students will learn the importance of research and how this effects how characters are performed. We will study how a script should be read and approached and how different scripts vary in structure and layout. Students will have the opportunity to explore different scripts and evaluate the comparisons and contrasts. Understanding writer intentions and purpose will be key to this unit, with students analysing why the writer chooses the style/themes/plots that they do. This examination will be entirely practical and due to the practical application, the examination will take place during lesson time the week prior to the annual examinations. To assist with rehearsal at home, all PowerPoints from lessons are accessible via the class Team pages.

Assessment Criteria	Revision Activity	Resources to help with preparation	Revised
1. Application of skill	Remind yourself of the importance of key punctuation and how this develops your performance.	Walk through staging set within lessons and use the 'Skills of an Actor' knowledge organiser to remind yourself of the skills you will be graded on. Use the notation made on your script to ensure a change of performance where punctuation occurs.	
2. Learning Lines	Make sure all lines are learnt for the entirety of the extract provided	Scripts are in student booklets and lines are highlighted so students are aware of which lines they need to learn.	
3. Understanding Context	Remind yourself of the plot, characters, context and sub-text of ' <i>Chicken</i> ' by Mark Wheeler. In addition, remind yourself of the themes and importance of the why Mark Wheeler wrote this play.	Use the 'Chicken' knowledge organiser to remind yourself of key contextual information, including key character journeys. Remind yourself of the value of the performance on an audience, watching the following video clip. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrTIS9UgSKc	