

Whitworth Community High School
DRAMA and PERFORMING ARTS Department

Teacher in Charge/Faculty Leader: Mrs D Goff

Year 9 Learning Overview

Organisation of the classes:

Drama and Performing Arts is taught in mixed ability groups of approximately 30 pupils. The pupils have one lesson a week and are generally working between grade 3 and grade 5.

Key Concepts

Drama in Year 9 is all about developing and embedding Year 8 skills with emphasis on the imaginative response to given tasks in terms of applied techniques, characterisation and the flow and pace of presentation work. We further develop analytical skills to review and reflect on the performances of others and how their use of Dramatic Devices impact on audiences. Knowledge of the Performance Industry is utilised in structuring performances considering and applying skills in all technical aspects and carrying out the variety of roles required.

What skills do I use in this subject?

Problem Solving, Confidence, Co-operation, Concentration, Creativity, Speaking and listening, Team work, Planning/structuring, Organising, Appreciation, Exploring and communicating ideas, concepts and emotions

What will you be learning?

Realism/Naturalism
 Dance
 Scripted
 Talent Showcase

How will you be learning?

Individual, Pair and Group based tasks
 Observation and discussion activities
 Performance work
 Written analysis tasks

How will your learning be assessed?

You will usually be grade assessed on a practical piece of work towards the end of each half term.
 Assessment is also on-going within lessons via observation and evaluative discussion in peer and self-assessed activities.

Home Learning

As per the school Home Learning rota system

Equipment needed?

Enthusiasm and imagination

How can your parents support your learning?

Encourage your child to take part in extra-curricular activities to further build their confidence and performance skills through experience.
 Enable your child to visit both professional and amateur theatre productions where possible.

SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations

Employability skills – Team work, Time Management, Presenting and Interviewing Skills, Thinking on feet, Vocal skills,
 Personal skills – Confidence, Critical Thinking, Planning, Understanding, Maturity, Sensitivity,
 Co-operation, Imagination, Beliefs, Values, Consequences, Empathy

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?

Weekly Drama Club
 Full School Musical every year
 Summer Show
 Theatre Trips/Residentials