

DAGENHAM PARK SUBJECT CURRICULUM

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| Subject | Drama |
| Year Group | Year 9 |
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| Overview | <p>At KS3 we aim for pupils develop effective collaborative learning skills as well as developing their performance skills and knowledge of drama. Exploration of issue-based drama helps pupils develop a sense of empathy and understanding of the world around them. Drama is taught as a discreet subject at KS3, however some of the topics covered link to the English curriculum to support pupils with their understanding.</p> <p>Opportunities: We have ongoing partnerships with professional theatre institutions and arts organisations.</p> <p>Transferrable skills: Pupils gain a wide range of valuable experiences, skills and the creative knowledge needed to pursue numerous career goals and place them ahead of the game in both the academic and workforce marketplace. The core employability skills we aim to develop are: communication, self-management, self-belief, teamwork, problem solving, creativity and critical thinking skills</p> |
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| Term by Term | |
| Autumn Term 1 | <p>Noughts and Crosses Linked to the pupils' English unit, this unit will allow them to develop their knowledge of a the text as a performance piece and strengthen their knowledge of plot and character through practical activities, solidifying knowledge of the practitioner Brecht studied in prior learning. Students will also be assessed on evaluation</p> |
| Spring Term 1 | <p>Paper Birds In this unit, pupils will study the work of a current practicing theatre company, learning about the key elements of their work including; movement, verbatim, exposing the method, character and narrative and motif. Towards the start of the unit students will watch a live performance by the theatre company in school.</p> |
| Summer Half term 1 | <p>Identity Students will explore the issue of identity in a unit comprising of teacher in role, leading them through a mystery. This unit continues to extend performance skills learnt so far in KS3. Techniques include: Improvisation, whole class role play, mime and creating an advert</p> |
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| Homework | Homework will be set as appropriate and recorded on Show My Homework. Most of the homework for Drama will include |

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| | preparation/research tasks for future lessons or learning lines/performance material |
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| Useful Resources | Drama techniques http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zxpc2hv/revision The Paper Birds Theatre Company : The Paper Birds |