Armfield Academy – Department of Performing Arts (drama) – Key Stage 3
2025-26 Year 8 Scheme of Work (Curriculum Overview)

Half Term 1		
Date	**Theme: Darkwood Manor**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	Teacher in role & spontaneous improvisation	
Week 2	Recap physical theatre	
Week 3	Spooky stories	
Week 4	Multi-roling	
Week 5	Soundscapes	
Week 6	Movement sequence	
Week 7	Dramatic Tension	

Half Term 2		
Date	**Theme: Darkwood Manor**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	Application: Introduction to Darkwood Manor assessment task	
Week 2	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 3	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 4	Application: Performance of assessment	
Week 5	Evaluation and feedback	
Week 6	Murder Mystery script	
Week 7	Performance of Murder Mystery script	

Half Term 3		
Date	**Theme: Spoils of War**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	What is a stimulas?	
Week 2	Pastor Niemoller's poem 'First they came'	
Week 3	Anne Frank's story	
Week 4	Discrimination	
Week 5	Letters home	
Week 6	Creating atmosphere through music	

Half Term 4		
Date	**Theme: Spoils of War**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	Application: Introduction to Spoils of War assessment task	
Week 2	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 3	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 4	Application: Performance of assessment	
Week 5	Evaluation and feedback	
Week 6	Improvisation skills	

Half Term 5		
Date	**Theme: Practitioners**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	Bertolt Brecht - Epic Theatre	
Week 2	Bertolt Brecht - Multiroling & Multipurpose props	
Week 3	Bertolt Brecht - Narration & Placards	
Week 4	Berolt Brecht - Breaking the fourth wall	
Week 5	Stanislavski - Naturalism	

Half Term 6		
Date	**Theme: Practitioners**	
	Learning Questions	
Week 1	Stanislavski - Emotion Memory	
Week 2	Stanislavski - Subtext	
Week 3	Application: Introduction to practitioners assessment task	
Week 4	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 5	Application: Working on assessment task	
Week 6	Application: Performance of assessment	
Week 7	Evaluation and feedback	
Week 8	Drama games & Skills development	