

Course description and overarching aims (Intent)

Our aim for our Drama curriculum is to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to prepare them for the next key stage of Drama alongside developing student's transferrable skills such as communication, group work, analysis, evaluation and creativity. The KS3 curriculum is modelled on the GCSE Drama specification, providing opportunities for students to learn how to devise performances, how to create a performance from a dramatic text, as well as learning about the work of different theatre makers and different styles of performance. Students are assessed practically as well as in written evaluative work. The Year 9 curriculum explores these components with more depth and provides opportunities for students to be assessed with the weightings of the GCSE specification to ensure that if they select it as a GCSE option, they have a clear understanding of the four assessment objectives they will be assessed on. The GCSE and A-level Drama curriculum is designed to reflect the three key components of the course, with students completing 40% of the course in year 10 / 12 and then 60% of the course in year 11 / 13.

Curriculum model overview (Implementation)

How is our curriculum planned and why:

Content knowledge is built upon using a layered approach, with the assessment objectives taught and built upon at each key stage, developing in depth and breadth as students' progress to the next key stage. At the next key stage, components and assessment objectives are revisited and built upon with greater detail and complexity. Each Quarterly Assessment (QA) will focus on one of the three key components and the QA will assess a student using one or two of the assessment objectives. Lessons work progressively through the set objectives for each component, with multiple checkpoints for teachers and students to reflect on their knowledge and skills gained and allowing teachers to adapt as necessary. Both Drama skills and a wide range of transferable learning skills are developed within our curriculum and the complexity in both the lesson content and the QA increases in challenge as students' progress to the next level. Literacy is developed through systematic use of writing frames, explicit teaching of keywords and subject specific vocabulary, use of key word glossaries and exam command word support resources.

Drama Skills (examples)	Transferable learning skills (examples)
Devising individual or group performances	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
Evaluating performances of other students	Time Management
Understanding and exploring different styles of theatre	Research Skills
Understanding and exploring theatre throughout history	Listening and responding
Learn how to confidently read and understand scripts	Teamwork
Writing monologue, duologues and group scripts	Communication



The QA focus and weightings are reflective of the GCSE and A-Level specifications (with an increased focus on the written assessments and exams).

Assessment objectives in Drama throughout Year 7-13:

AO1: Create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance
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KS5 is only relevant to Twyford

Edexcel (Twyford & Ealing Fields)

- **Component 1:** ensuring students complete a working log book which documents their ideas in the devising process. Providing students with regular opportunities to write a portfolio question and ensuring the teacher marks these drafts and provides feedback before students complete their final draft
- **Component 2:** regular practical mock exams of any Component 2 work with opportunities for self, peer and teacher feedback to ensure continual improvement
- **Component 3:** Regular low stakes testing of subject specific vocabulary through weekly peer-marked tests in preparation for the Component 3 written exam (Q2 and Q4). Provide students with detailed feedback following written exams, ensuring they use exemplars and assessment grids to improve their answers.

Key assessment principles:

AQA (William Perkin and Ada Lovelace)

- **Component 1:** Regular low stakes testing of different exam questions in lessons and as prep tasks in preparation for the written exam (Q2 and Q4). Homework tasks focus on the larger mark questions. These provide students with detailed feedback following written exams, ensuring they use exemplars and assessment grids to improve their answers.
- **Component 2:** Ensuring students complete a working log book which documents their ideas in the devising process. Providing students with regular opportunities to write a portfolio question and ensuring the teacher marks these drafts and provides feedback before



students complete their final draft. Students perform their devised piece at various points in the year to get feedback before their final exam.

• **Component 3:** Regular practical mock exams of extracts 1 and 2 with opportunities for self, peer and teacher feedback to ensure continual improvement.

Three tiers and three outcomes

Our curriculum is structured so that all students can access the appropriate level of support and challenge. All lessons have three differentiated outcomes (labelled Gold/Silver/Bronze) at KS3-5 These allow the students to have a high ownership of their learning and a sense of purposeful progression. The spiral nature of the curriculum results in students having the opportunity for further developments in these topics the next time the topic is revisited.

Example (Yr 7)

LESSON OUTCOMES	
Bronze: Completed a range of role plays using some movement and vocal skills	
Silver: Good focus and was able to use most of the performance skills when doing role-play	
Gold: Excellent understanding of the naturalism and role-play that was showed through performance	

Example (Yr 11)

LESSON OUTCOMES

Bronze: Able to read through your script and have some ideas about how to explore it practically in terms of voice & physical skills

Silver: Able to have a clear vision for the extract and begin to think about characterization techniques

Gold: Able to have an excellent understanding of the extract and make directorial decisions about the intended impact on audience

Assessment Objectives

We have overarching objectives which summarise the skills covered, or the handling of content involved. The internal school assessment system has integrated assessment objectives so that students can be aware of and consciously work on the different strands of content and skills within the subject /course. The internal school system uses the same objectives from Year 7 to Year 13 so that students can build the habit of subject specific self-review as a continuous process from KS3 to KS5.

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*KS5 (A01) Create and develop ideas to communicate meaning as part of the theatre-making process, making connections between dramatic theory and practice

Knowledge:

- Substantive knowledge The main categories that account for the accepted conventions and facts of our subject:
 - A range of theatre styles across different historical and social contexts
 - Play texts across different historical and social contexts
 - The fundamentals of theatre and performance
 - The role of performer
 - The role of a designer

Disciplinary knowledge - The main subject skills, procedures, thinking structures and behaviours of our subject such as:

- Verbal and non-verbal performance skills such as tone of voice, body language, facial expression, pitch and pace.
- Teamwork
- Transferable life skills Studying the historical context, themes and layout of published play texts in order to perform, analyse and evaluate the work.
- Various drama techniques such as still image, step-out, monologue and masks.
- Styles of theatre such as mime, physical theatre and verbatim theatre.
- Theatre across time- looking at how theatre has developed chronologically
- Analysing and evaluating our own work and those of our peers and theatre professionals.
- Disciplinary Literacy Literacy is developed through systematic use of explicit teaching of keywords, use of key word glossaries on knowledge organisers, and modelling use of advanced oracy through feedback to peers.

Curriculum seven-year plan:

Drama students will follow a curriculum map specific to their school. You can find individual course overviews for each school here:



William Perkin CofE High School:

Component 1: Understanding Drama

Component 2: Devising

Component 3: Texts in Practice

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Course Overview	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	Unit 1: History of Theatre. Studying theatrical genres through chronological order. AO1 and AO2	Unit 1: Noughts and Crosses. Studying the characters and performing an extract from Noughts and	Unit 1: Hillsborough. Devising a performance based on the Hillsborough Disaster in 1989 AO1 and AO2	Theory: Component 1: The Crucible. Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4	Theory: Component 1: The Crucible Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4
		Crosses.		Practical: Component <u>3: Texts in Practice.</u> Rehearsing and performing an extract from The Crucible. AO2	Practical: Component 3: Texts in Practice. Rehearsing and performing their second extract from their chosen play.
Q1 Assessment	N/A	 Performance of first scripted extract 	• First performance of their devised piece	 Performance of first extract from The Crucible 	 Performance of first extract from their chosen play.
Autumn 2	Unit 1: History of Theatre.	Unit 1: Noughts and Crosses.	Unit 1: Hillsborough. Devising a performance based	<u>Theory: Component</u> <u>1: The Crucible</u>	<u>Theory: Component 1:</u> <u>The Crucible</u>



	Studying theatrical genres through chronological order. AO1, AO2 and AO4	Studying the characters and performing an extract from Noughts and Crosses. AO2, AO3 and AO4	on the Hillsborough Disaster in 1989 <mark>AO1</mark> , <mark>AO2</mark> , <mark>AO4</mark>	Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4 <u>Practical: Component</u> <u>3: Texts in Practice.</u> Rehearsing and performing a second extract from The Crucible AO2	Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4 Practical: Component 3: Texts in Practice. Rehearsing and performing their second extract from their chosen play. AO2
Q2 Assessment	 Performance of their chosen genre. Written evaluation of their performance. 	 Performance of second scripted extract. 2 exam questions based on Noughts and Crosses. 	 Second performance of their devised piece. Written Development and collaboration and Analysis and Evaluation sections of devising log. 	 Performance of the second extract from The Crucible. Mock written exam 	 Performance of the second extract from their chosen play. Mock written exam.
Spring 1	Unit 2: Oliver Twist. Studying the characters and performing an extract from Oliver Twist. AO2	<u>Unit 2: Verbatim and</u> <u>TIE.</u> Devising a piece of TIE using verbatim techniques. AO1 and AO2	<u>Unit 2: DNA.</u> Studying the characters and performing an extract from the play DNA by Dennis Kelly. AO2	Theory: Component <u>1: The Crucible.</u> Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4 <u>Practical: Component</u> <u>2: Devising.</u>	Theory: Component 1:The Crucible.Studying the context,characters and plot ofThe CrucibleAO3 and AO4Practical: Component 3:Texts in Practice.



Spring 2	Unit 2: Oliver Twist.	Unit 2: Verbatim and	Unit 2: DNA.	Devising a performance from a chosen stimulus in groups. AO1 and AO2 Theory: Component	Rehearsing and performing both extracts from their chosen play. AO2 <u>Component 1: The</u> Crucible.
	Studying the characters and performing an extract from Oliver Twist. AO2	<u>TIE.</u> Devising a piece of TIE using verbatim techniques. AO1, AO2	Studying the characters and performing an extract from the play DNA by Dennis Kelly. AO2	 <u>1: The Crucible</u> Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4 <u>Practical: Component</u> <u>2: Devising.</u> Devising a performance from a chosen stimulus in groups. AO1, AO2 and AO4 	Crucible. Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4
Q3 Assessment	• Performance of both scripted extracts.	 Performance of their TIE piece. 	 Performance of their scripted extract from DNA. 	 Performance of their devised piece. 	 Final mock written exam.
Summer	Unit 3: Into the Unknown. Devising a performance based on a mystery world the other side of an unusual door. AO1, AO2 and AO4	<u>Unit 3: Physical</u> <u>Theatre.</u> Devising a performance using the physical theatre techniques of Frantic Assembly. AO1, AO2 and AO4	<u>Unit 3: A Midsummer</u> <u>Night's Dream.</u> Studying the characters and plot of A Midsummer Night's Dream. AO3 and AO4	Theory: Component <u>1: The Crucible</u> Studying the context, characters and plot of The Crucible AO3 and AO4 <u>Practical: Component</u> <u>2: Devising.</u>	



				Devising a performance from a chosen stimulus in groups. AO1, AO2 and AO4	
Q4 Assessment	 Performance of their devised performance. Written evaluation of their performance. 	 Performance of their Physical Theatre piece. Written analysis and evaluation of their performance. 	 Written exam based on A Midsummer Night's Dream. 	 Final performance of their devised piece. Written devising log coursework- completed as homework. Mock written exam. 	

Ada Lovelace High School Curriculum Plan

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Yr 10
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Term 1	Unit 01 : An Introduction to Drama and the Ballad of	Unit 01: Physical Theatre and Pantomime	Unit 01: Roles and	Unit 01: Roles and
	Charlotte Dymond	Pantomime	Responsibilities	Responsibilities
		An introduction to basic	An introduction to Drama	An introduction to Drama
	An introduction to basic Drama	Drama skills linked to Physical	skills. An introduction to	skills. An introduction to
	skills and techniques including	Theatre and Pantomime	staging types, jobs in the	staging types, jobs in the
	– still images, freeze frames,	including using the body as a	theatre, stage positioning and	theatre, stage positioning and
	thought tracking and	prop, exaggeration and	technical elements of	technical elements of
	characterisation	characterisation activities	performance. Link to	performance. Link to
			Component 1 Section A of the	Component 1 Section A of
	Q2:	Q2:	AQA GCSE Drama exam.	the AQA GCSE Drama exam.
	G.2.			
	Assessment content, scope	Assessment content, scope		Q1:
	and style:	and style:		
	Practical performance exam	Practical performance exam	Q2:	Assessment content, scope
	using a range of basic drama	using the required		and style: Written multiple
	skills covered across the term	Pantomime techniques	Assessment content, scope	choice exam paper on Roles
			and style: Written multiple	and Responsibilities
	Length: N/A	Length: N/A	choice exam paper on Roles	
			and Responsibilities	Length: 1 hour
	Conditions: Group assessed	Conditions: Group assessed		
	performance. Performed in	performance. Performed in	Length: 1 hour	Conditions: Formal exam
	class	class		conditions
			Conditions: Formal exam	
	Scaffold: Appropriate	Scaffold: Appropriate	conditions	Scaffold: N/A
	groupings/ breakdown of	groupings/breakdown of		
	instructions	instructions	Scaffold: N/A	Preparation:
				Revision/recap/retrieval
	Preparation: 1 lesson	Preparation: 1 lesson	Preparation:	practice throughout the
	rehearsal in the group	rehearsal in the group	Revision/recap/retrieval	term
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	practice throughout the term	
		Noughts and Crosses
		Component 1 Section B set text The students study the play, characters, staging and technical elements in performance. Q2:
		Assessment content, scope and style: Roles and Responsibilities (Multiple choice) Noughts and Crosses (4,8 and 12 mark questions based on a given scene)
		Length: 1 hour
		Conditions: Formal exam conditions
		Scaffold: Through exam practice.
		Preparation: Revision/recap/retrieval



		practice throughout the
		term



Term 2	Unit 02: Storytelling	Unit 02: The Tempest	Unit 02: Live Theatre Evaluation	Unit 02: Noughts and Crosses and Live Theatre Evaluation
	Throughout the term the	The students will study the		
	students will be introduced to a	backstory to the Tempest,	Component 1 Section C is a	Component 1 Section B set
	range of storytelling techniques	staging the technical elements	Live Theatre Evaluation of the	text
	including narration, vocal skills	of the play through areas such	National Theatre's production	The students study the play,
	C ,	, , ,	of Treasure Island. The	
	and how to effectively engage	as a soundscape, they will		characters, staging and
	the audience. This leads to the	explore and perform key	students will watch evaluate a	technical elements in
	students create their own	scenes and explore the world	range of performance and	performance.
	haunted house storytelling	of the play.	technical skills that are used	
	performance.		in the performance.	Component 1 Section C is a
		Q3:		Live Theatre Evaluation. The
	Q3:	Assessment content, scope	Q3:	students will watch a live
		and style:		production and evaluate a
	Assessment content, scope	Practical performance exam	Assessment content, scope	range of performance and
	and style:	using a range of script and	and style:	technical skills that are used.
	Practical performance exam	characterisation skills	1 exam style question	
	using a range of storytelling	covered across the term		Q3:
	skills covered across the term		Length: 45 mins	
		Length: N/A		Assessment content, scope
	Length: N/A		Conditions: Classroom exam	and style:
		Conditions: Group assessed	conditions	Roles and Responsibilities
	Conditions: Group assessed	performance. Performed in		(Multiple choice)
	performance. Performed in	class	Scaffold: Throughout exam	Noughts and Crosses (4,8
	class		practice	12 and 20 mark questions
		Scaffold: Appropriate	practice	based on a given scene)
	Scaffold: Appropriato		Preparation:	Live Theatre Evaluation (1
	Scaffold: Appropriate	groupings/ breakdown of		•
	groupings/ breakdown of	instructions	Revision/recap/retrieval	question)
	instructions]	practice throughout the	
			term	Length: 1.45 hour



	Preparation: 1 lesson rehearsal in the group	Preparation: 1 lesson rehearsal in the group		Conditions: Formal exam conditions Scaffold: Through exam practice. Preparation: Revision/recap/retrieval practice throughout the term
Term 3	Unit 03: Silent Movies The students will explore the style of Silent Movies, the use of comedy, stock characters, exaggeration and slapstick.	Unit 03: Live Theatre Evaluation: Peter Pan The students will watch and evaluate a range of performance and technical skills that are used in the	Unit 03: Devising Drama The students will use Jessie Nelson's Docudrama Odd One Out as a stimulus to creating their own Docudrama	Unit 03: Component 2 Devising Drama In groups the students are given a range of stimulus materials which they use to create their own piece of
	Q4: Assessment content, scope and style: Practical performance exam using a range of basic drama skills covered across the term Length: N/A	Q4: Assessment content, scope and style: 1 exam style question Length: 45 mins Conditions: Classroom exam conditions	Q4: Assessment content, scope and style: The students will be assessed on their Documentary Drama and the Devising Log they write in response to their performance work. Length: 1 hour	devised Drama. As part of this component, they must also complete a Devising Log analysing and evaluating their progress. Q4: Assessment content, scope and style:



Conditions: Group assessed performance. Performed in class Scaffold: Appropriate groupings/ breakdown of instructions Preparation: 1 lesson rehearsal in the group	Scaffold: Throughout exam practice Preparation: Revision/recap/retrieval practice throughout the term	Conditions: The students will complete the performance in lesson and the complete the Devising Log in formal exam conditions. Scaffold: Throughout exam practice Preparation: Revision/recap/retrieval practice throughout the term	Roles and Responsibilities (Multiple choice) Noughts and Crosses (4,8 12 and 20 mark questions based on a given scene) Live Theatre Evaluation (1 question)Live Theatre Evaluation (1 question)Length: 1.45 hourConditions: Formal exam conditionsScaffold: Through exam practice.Preparation: Revision/recap/retrieval practice throughout the
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Twyford CofE High School:

<u>Component 1: Devising</u>

Component 2: Text in performance

Component 3: Theatre makers in practice

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	QA1 (October)	QA2 (December)	QA3 (March)	QA4 (June)
Year 7	'Creating a performance' C1	'Blue Remembered Hills' C3	Slapstick Comedy C1	Grimm Tales C2
	Introduction to Drama	Exploration of text	Devised performance	Scripted performance
	Six lessons	Seven lessons	Ten lessons	Ten lessons
	Q1: C1 performance (Effort	Q2: C3 Written Exam (1 hour)	Q3: C1 Devised Performance	Q4: C2 Scripted Performance
	grade) <mark>AO1: AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:	<mark>AO3: AO4:</mark>	grade	<mark>AO1: <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:</mark>
			<mark>AO1: <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:</mark>	
Year 8	Physical Theatre &	'Blood Brothers' C3	Commedia Dell' Arte' C2	Creating a movie trailer C1
	Movement' C1	Exploration of text	Scripted performance	Devised performance
	Devised performance	Seven lessons	Ten lessons	Ten lessons
	Six lessons	Q2: C3 Written Exam (1 hour)	Q3: C2 Scripted Performance	Q4: C1 Devised Performance
	Q1: C1 Devised performance	<mark>AO3: AO4:</mark>	grade	<mark>AO1:</mark> <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:
	grade <mark>AO1: <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:</mark>		A <mark>O1: AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:	



Year 9	Physicality - Frantic Assembly'	Component 3 Mock – Free 9 C3	Component 1 Mock – Devised C1	Component 2 Mock –
	C1	Exploration of text	Devised Performance	Scripted C2
	Devised performance	Twelve Lessons	Fourteen Lessons	Scripted performance
	Eight lessons	Q2: Written Exam (1 hour)	Q3: Devised Performance &	Fourteen lessons
	Q1: Devised Performance	AO3: AO4:	Portfolio	Q4: Scripted Performance
	/Portfolio		<mark>AO1: <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:</mark>	grade
	AO1: AO2: AO3: AO4:			<mark>A01: <mark>A02:</mark> A03: A04:</mark>
Year 10	C1 Devised drama exploration	C3 Mock – '1984' exploration &	Actual Component 1 Devised	C3 Mock – '1984' exploration
	Devised performance	Theatre Review introduction	performance (40% of GCSE grade)	and Theatre Review
	Six weeks	Six weeks	Twelve weeks – March date TBC	Six weeks
	Q1: Devised performance & 2	Q2: Written Exam Section A & B	Q3: Devised Performance grade	QA4: Written Exam Section
	Portfolio Questions	(1.5 hours)	and first draft portfolio	A & B (1.5 hours). Prep for
	<mark>A01: <mark>A02:</mark> A03: A04:</mark>	AO3: AO4:	AO1: AO2 <mark>:</mark> AO3: AO4:	Y11.
				AO3: AO4:
Year 11	C2 – Scripted 'Teechers'	C3 Mock – '1984' and Theatre	C2: Actual Component 2 Scripted	Study Leave
	C3 – 1984 written exam	Review	performance to examiner (20% of	
	Scripted performance mock	Six weeks	grade)	
	Six weeks	Q2: Written Exam Section A &	C3 Mock – '1984' and Theatre	
	Q1: Scripted performance	B (1.5 hours)	Review	
	AO1: AO2: AO3: AO4:	AO3: AO4:	Q3: Written Exam Section (1.5	
			hours)	
			Q3: Predicted C2 grade	
			<mark>A01: A02:</mark> A03: A04:	
Year 12	C3 Section B ADOAA -	C3 Written exam Section A & B -	C1 – Actual C1 Devised	C3 Section C Woyzeck -
	C2 Mono/Duo performance -	C2 Mock – Play performance -	performance & portfolio (40% of	Six weeks
	Six weeks	Six weeks	A-Level grade)	Q4: Written Exam Section A,
			Twelve weeks	B & C (2.5 hours)
				<mark>AO3: AO4:</mark>



	Q1: C2 Scripted Performance	Q2: C2 Scripted Performance	Q3: Devised Performance & first	
	grade (50%) & C3 written	grade (50%) and C3 written	draft Portfolio	
	exam (50%)	exam (50%)	AO1: AO2: AO3: AO4:	
	<mark>A01: <mark>A02:</mark> A03: A04:</mark>	<mark>A01: A02:</mark> A03: A04:		
Year 13	C2 – Scripted performance -	C3 Mock – Section A, B & C –	Actual Component 2 Scripted	Study Leave
	C2 – Woyzeck -	C2 Scripted mock mono / play -	performance to examiner (20% of	
	Scripted performance mock	Six weeks	grade)	
	Woyzeck written exam mock	Q2: Written Exam Section A, B &	C3 Mock – Section A, B & C	
	Six weeks	C (2.5 hours)	Q3: Written Exam Section (2.5	
	Q1: Scripted performance	<mark>AO1: AO2:</mark> AO3: AO4:	hours)	
	A01: A02: A03: A04:		Q3: Predicted C2 grade	
			<mark>AO1: <mark>AO2:</mark> AO3<mark>:</mark> AO4:</mark>	

Ealing Fields:

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	grade)		grade	
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	Movement' C1	Exploration of text	Scripted performance	performance C1
	Devised performance	Seven lessons	Ten lessons	Devised performance
	Six lessons	Q2: C3 Written Exam (1 hour)	Q3: C2 Scripted Performance	Ten lessons
	Q1: C1 Devised performance		grade	Q4: C1 Devised Performance
	grade			
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	Eight lessons	Q2: C3 Written Exam Section A	Q3: Devised Performance &	Fourteen lessons
	Q1: Devised Performance &	(1 hour & 15 minutes)	Portfolio	Q4: Scripted Performance
	Portfolio			grade





Year 10	C1 Devised – Stimulus Exploration Devised performance Six weeks Q1: Devised performance & Portfolio Questions	C3 Mock – 'DNA' exploration & Theatre Review introduction Six weeks Q2: C3 Written Exam Section A c (1 hour & 15 minutes)	Actual Component 1 Devised performance (40% of GCSE grade) Twelve weeks Q3: Devised Performance grade and first draft portfolio	C3 Mock – 'DNA' exploration and Theatre Review Six weeks QA4: Written Exam Section A & B (1.5 hours)
Year 11	C2 – Scripted 'Teechers' Scripted performance mock Six weeks <i>Q1: Scripted performance</i>	C3 Mock – 'DNA' and Theatre Review Six weeks Q2: Written Exam Section A & B (1.5 hours)	C2: Actual Component 2 Scripted performance to examiner (20% of grade) C3 Mock – 'DNA' and Theatre Review Q3: Written Exam Section (1.5 hours) Q3: Predicted C2 grade	Study Leave



Approaches to learning

Each year group covers the 3 different components of the GCSE Drama specifications- Devising, scripted performance and studying a set text. This not only prepares students for the demands of the GCSE but also inspires passionate performers who can analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others.

Assessment

The Trust assessment policy is central to support the 10:10 ethic which informs the ethos of all of the Trust's schools. Effective assessment allows students to know when and how they have done well, it identifies areas of weakness and supports students to know where they have got to improve. The school assessment system is entirely formative as all assessments are designed to be diagnostic for both the students and the teacher, designed to provide information on progress and provide feedback on areas for improvement as part of a feedback loop. The delivery of the curriculum in all subjects allows for a range of assessment activities including:

AfL – Assessment for Learning

Afl is critical to learning. Throughout each lesson students will be given opportunities test their understanding and give their teacher opportunities to identify issues and correct misunderstandings on the spot. All teachers utilise strategies to ensure they can assess whole class progress rapidly & target support within lessons. These strategies include the use of mini whiteboards, green pens (used to distinguish student self-marking /correction from that of the teacher), self-assessment, peer-assessment, circulation, live marking using a visualiser, various types of questioning and regular evaluation of live performances.

<u>Prep</u>

Prep is designed to support learners to retain and retrieve information therefore strengthening long-term memory. Preps are short tasks, no longer than 15 minutes in length, set each lesson with a due date of the next timetabled lesson. This work is to be completed outside of the classroom (at home or in study club) and is designed to consolidate learning and prepare students for their next lesson.

Standardised assessments

These are longer tasks designed to provide students with a chance to applying work from several lessons. These may be done as Homeworks or in class. These tasks will be in place of prep and have an extended deadline as they will take students longer to complete. These assessments are teacher assessed throughout the year.

Quarterly assessments



At fixed points throughout the year students sit exams in a formal setting. In Drama these may be practical assessments or written assessments, or a combination of the two. See curriculum overviews above for QA assessment information

Twice per academic year (December Q2, June Q4) students will sit assessments that take the form of formal exams and examine cumulative skills and content acquisition. These milestones are opportunities for students, staff, parents & carers to take stock of progress and performance at this point. We then have the information and feedback needed to take the next steps in their learning. Alongside formal written exams, which take place during Q2,3 & 4 (Q3 for Yr11 & 13) students will also undergo practical assessments around the timing of QAs.

Feedback routines.

Students are given feedback throughout the school year so they can improve.

In lessons students will regularly use their mini whiteboards to show their answers and give teachers the opportunity to correct misconceptions. Teachers use a variety of questioning techniques such as no hands up questions, the use of thinking time (e.g. Pose-Pause-Pounce-Bounce), pair talk (e.g. Think-Pair-Share), No opt-out (e.g. reframing the question to the same pupil) and follow up questions (e.g. asking pupil to elaborate, or avoiding paraphrasing pupils- instead pushing for the 'best version' answer). This allows teachers to adapt teaching as necessary.

Formal assessments and Quarterly assessments will be followed by feedback and opportunities to re-check understanding. This will include time for the student to respond to their feedback, time for the teacher to immediately address any significant misconceptions/errors in student understanding, a follow up task or prep that allows students to build on the feedback given and time for students to update their progress tracker at the front of their books. In Drama students are given written feedback based on their performances using the language of the marking criteria for that specific component. Students have an opportunity to use this feedback to improve in lessons before the next assessment.

External examinations.

KS4 exam board: Edexcel (Twyford & Ealing Fields) & AQA (William Perkin & Ada Lovelace)

KS5 exam board: Edexcel (Twyford only)