Subject: Drama

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National Curriculum

Drama within the national curriculum is referenced with the teaching framework of English. As an independent subject, our Department has structured programmes of work based on guidelines issued by The Arts Council of England. Students study drama for three years as part of their core curriculum.

We aim to provide students with a broad Drama education, encompassing a range of theatrical genres. Students are provided with the opportunity to explore a range of playwrights and reflect on the historical, social and cultural importance of the set works. Students are encouraged to experiment and extend their performance skill base, focussing on voice and movement. They are supported in developing character studies and developing an understanding of the work of influential Theatre Practitioners. Students are given the opportunity to create original work based on a range of stimuli.

Curriculum Intent

We aim to develop students as theatre makers, providing them with opportunities to develop their knowledge of performance styles and texts. Students are asked to view work from multiple perspectives as designers, directors and performers. We encourage the artistic and social development of students by providing them with opportunities to work collaboratively, fostering self-esteem through creative engagement.

Our curriculum has three focussed areas: Devising, Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation. These three areas of focus help to prepare students for progression into the K.S 4 and K.S 5 curriculum should they wish to study the subject further. Throughout the K.S 3 curriculum students are also given the opportunity to study design elements alongside the chosen texts and stimuli. The curriculum also aims to develop a repertoire of transferable skills that can be used in a variety of roles outside of the creative arts industries.

Term		Content	Assessment
Autumn Term	3 3	Content Key techniques This project is designed to equip students with a range of dramatic techniques that can be applied to the creation of original devised drama and the process of interpreting and staging script for performance. Each week students will be introduced to a new technique that they will explore as part of a teacher facilitated practical activity. They will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the technique by creating an original work that evidences its correct application. Key techniques that will be explored during this project include; Still image, Thought tracking, Cross-cutting, Narration, Flashback and Slow motion. This project supports learning progression by providing students with fundamental key skills that can be used to support future devising projects. Commedia Dell'arte During this project students will develop an understanding of key concepts underpinning the performance genre of Commedia Dell'arte. Students will be introduced to a range of Commedia characters and will explore them from a physical perspective through teacher facilitated workshops. Character studies that will be explored include; I'll Capitano, I'll Dottore, Pantalone and Arlechino. Students will be expected to develop their physical/vocal skill base through the rehearsal and performance of a piece of original Drama. By the end of the project students will be able to independently devise practical work, identifying and evidencing the influence of the chosen genre. This project supports learning progression by encouraging students to experiment with form and style. It provides them with the opportunity to look at theatre from a historical	Assessment Key techniques Baseline performance, reassessed at the end of term. This first programme of work underpins the drama curriculum throughout k 3,4 and 5. It equips students with the keys techniques and skills required to devise and structure original drama. The project also provides students with knowledge to identify techniques which supports the appraise work as part of programmes of work addressing live performance analysis and evaluation. Students begin to strengthen their voice and movement skill base through the process of rehearsal and are encourage to navigate the challenges of collaborative working, all of which are fundamental elements of the drama curriculum at Ecclesbourne. Commedia Dell'arte Practical assessment Commedia is delivered following the initial key skills project because students will have started to develop their basic performance skill base and throughout this scheme of work this will be extended through them having to realise the exaggerated and controlled style of performance required for commedia. As student's skill base develops, they will also acquire an understanding of the stylistic requirements of a specific theatre genre. This will support later

Link to prior learning: Key skills-performance skill base development

	4	Script Study: Charlie and The Chocolate Factory	Script Study: Charlie and The Chocolate Factory
Spring Term		During this project, students will be encouraged to explore the process of interpreting and staging text for performance. Students will be guided through a teacher lead practical exploration of the set text. They will be required to consider the playwrights intentions and reflect on how the text might be realised in performance. During the process of text exploration, students will be encouraged to reflect upon the use of voice, including pitch/pace/volume/tone. They will be expected to reflect on the use of body and the quality of movement that they use to realise a character in performance. This project supports learning progression by introducing students to elements of the GCSE written paper. The project equips students with the basic skills that they will require in order to explore a set examination text. By the end of this project students will be able to respond to simplified 4 and 6 mark questions concerning characterisation in the style of the GCSE component 3 written paper.	In the first two terms of Year 7, students cover devising and acting. In the third term, students start working from script. This begins the process of text analysis that is revisited throughout K.S.3 to prepare students for the K.S 4 and 5 examination demands. This is the third assessment focus to be addressed in Year 7 because by this point in the year, students will have explored simple drama techniques, analysed structure and explored their performance skill base. These are all components that are required in order to successfully interpret and perform scripted work. Students will also begin to experiment with approaches to theatre design as part of their interpretation and analysis assessment. Link to prior learning: Key skill-performance skill base development/ Commedia-stylistic influence
Summer term	5	Devising From Stimulus Acting and Devising Focus Throughout this project, students will be guided through a process of interpreting stimuli. They will be led through a rehearsal process to develop ideas for a devised performance. This project places a great emphasis on the process of collaborative working. By the end of the project students will have produced a piece of original devised work in response to a stimulus. The project is structured so that initially students have the opportunity to explore a series of stimuli to create a range of short devised pieces. This process is guided step by step by the teacher. Students will be encouraged to reflect on symbolic representation. They will reflect on appropriate techniques that could be used to structure their work, drawing off their prior learning in relation to the key skills project. This project supports learning progression by engaging students in the process of creating original work and challenging them to justify in simple terms, what they wanted their piece of work to communicate to their audience.	Devising From Stimulus Acting and Devising Focus Practical assessment This programme of work builds upon prior learning from term1,2 and 3. The learning experience is extended to provide challenge because at this point students are provided with a set stimulus so that their devised work must evidence thematic content. Students must justify and explain how their work links to the stimulus. Performance skill base continues to be developed through the sharing of work. Link to prior learning: Key skill-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation. This project links directly to the component one element of both the GCSE and A-Level courses.

	6	Theatre Design	Theatre Design
		This project aims to introduce students to basic design terminology for lighting, set and costume. They will develop an understanding of different performance spaces and understand the role of the designer. Students will produce simple set/costume designs in response to a set text. They will analyse a piece of text and consider how they can realise the Playwright's intentions through production design. Students will be guided through the process of formulating a design concept. They will be required to consider location, character, key themes and performance space. Students will then be required to demonstrate the process of developing a design concept by producing an independent design response for the selected text. This project supports learning progression by equipping students with a basic understanding of the role of the theatre designer, providing the foundation knowledge that will support design work as part of GCSE and A-Level written examinations.	Assessed annotated design tasks. Students are required to analyse and evaluate text and start to formulate simple costume and set designs. Students are introduced to simple design terminology. This is taught at the end of Year 7 because by this part of the year, they will have begun to hone their ability to analyse and interpret text. Their learning journey is extended by students having to interpret text and respond from a design perspective. Link to prior learning: Key skill-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making.
			This provides the foundation for design projects in year 8 and 9 and ultimately supports the completion of GCSE and A-Level design and live performance questions.
Term	4	Content	Assessment
	1	Melodrama and silent movies Students will explore the genre of Melodrama and Silent Movies through teacher led workshops and creative performance tasks. They will develop key	Melodrama and silent movies Practical assessment
Autumn term		drama skills such as physicality, comedy timing, and mime. Students will learn how exaggerated gestures, expressive facial expressions, and clear storytelling were used to entertain audiences before the invention of sound in film. They will experiment with stock characters, dramatic tension, and slapstick humour, building confidence and creativity on stage. By the end of the unit, students will create and perform their own short silent film or perform a melodramatic script, showcasing their ability to communicate stories and emotions without words.	Building on key skills from Y7 and prior devised work, students will be challenged to develop storytelling skills through both verbal and non verbal communication. The collaboration of decision making in choosing which medium to perform in encourages interpersonal skills and the nature of the assessment develops vital performance skills. Key skills developed in this project are; Physical theatre, mime, comedic timing, ensemble performance, characterisation, non-verbal storytelling. Links to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development

			will be able to identify how they would realise a piece of script in performance. They will be able to justify and evaluate the performance choices that they have made. Learning will be structured through practical, teacher lead exploration of the text. Students will be expected to take on the role of Director during practical exploration. They will be able to offer guidance to other students with regard to characterisation and staging. By the end of the project, they will be able to offer verbal justification for the work that they have produced. Learning will be structured so that by the end of the project, students should be able to respond to simple director focussed questions for the GCSE component 3 written paper. During this project, students will produce a set design, experimenting with composite elements as an extension of their design work from Year 7.	This scheme is taught in term 2 as it builds upon prior learning form Year 7 and 8. Students will apply their developing skill base in order to realise script in performance. They will be required to hone their ability to analyse and evaluate text and will be need to identify and implement key techniques that were studied in year 7 in order stage the set work. Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development This directly supports component two of the A-Level and GCSE Courses and connects with the study of text required for the component three written
				exams.
		3	Practitioner study: Berkoff	Practitioner study: Berkoff
	Spring term		Throughout this project, students will develop an understanding of key ideas associated with the practitioner, Berkoff. They will be introduced to the concept of "Total Theatre". Students will develop their physical/vocal skill base through the rehearsal and performance of a piece of original Drama. They will be expected to produce work, evidencing the influence of the chosen practitioner. Learning is structured through a three- phase learning process. Initially students produce work in a neutral form, building upon their prior learning of performance skills and structural technique. In the second phase students will be introduced to the style of Berkoff and produce work through a teacher lead rehearsal process. Finally, students will return to their neutral study and adapt it in order to evidence their understanding of Berkoff. This project supports learning progression by extending students ability to reference the work of multiple Practitioners, having already studied the work of Stanislavski in Year 7. The project equips students with skills that may be applied to the devising, performance and written assessments at K.S 4 and 5.	Written assessment This project continues to challenge students as they are required to produce original work in the style of the studied practitioner. Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development Year 8: Melodrama and silent movies-physical storytelling This supports devising projects through the acquisition of knowledge relating to practitioner. Long term, this prepares students for GCSE.
		4	"A place to call home"	"A place to call home"
Year 8			Students will build upon the devising skill base that they developed throughout Year 7. They will be required to work in small groups to explore scripted scenes and devise original Drama. Thematically this project explores the notion of 'home'. The challenge presented to the students as part of the stretch of this year 8 devising project is that students will be expected to manage their own rehearsal time and select and justify appropriate techniques in order to structure their work. By the end of the project students will have been given the opportunity to strengthen their approach to collaborative working and will have	Practical performance assessment. Building upon the devised work completed in Year 7, students are challenged to continue to extend their devising skill base by creating multiple devised pieces responding to a stimulus. Students are also required to produce work within specified rehearsal time, further strengthening collaborative working skills in preparation for the component one elements of the GCSE and A-Level courses.

		developed their approach to analytical and evaluative writing. Students will continue to develop their performance skill base through teacher guided short improvised work. This project is structured to give students the experience of devising within the framework of the K.S.4 and K.S.5 component one assessments.	Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development Year 8: Script study- interpreting and developing scripts/Melodrama-characterisation/Berkoff- characterisation skills.
	5	Devising from Stimulus	Devising from Stimulus
Summer term		This project is student managed. One of the most challenging elements of study at K.S. 4 and 5 is the devised performance component. Staff are not allowed to direct or guide this practically assessed element. Throughout this project students are given the opportunity to experiment with their approach to devising. They must plan and navigate their rehearsal process in response to a range of stimulus. This project will be delivered in line with the K.S 4 devising component to allow students the opportunity to experience a student-centred rehearsal process. The teacher will guide students to reflect on their work, identify targets for progress and consider style/technique and character. The project will culminate in an assessed class-performance. This project supports learning progression by preparing students for the independent rehearsal process and collaborative working required for the devising components at K.S 4 and 5.	Practical and written assessment. This scheme is scheduled to be delivered in term 5 of year 8. Students will be expected to draw off their prior knowledge of key skills to devise original work. This scheme centres on stimuli have social relevance, challenging students to create work that connects with the world around them. This prepares students for the devising process for GCSE and A-Level component one. Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development. Year 8: A Place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Script study-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development.
	6	Theatre Design	Theatre Design
		During this project, students will be required to apply the knowledge of theatre design that they acquired during year 7, to create a design concept in response to a chosen text. The focus of this project is interpretation and evaluation. Students are required to justify their chosen design through annotated drawings and K.S.4 exam-style written responses extending their Year 7 skill base. By the end of the project, students will have explored extracts of the set text practically. Students will consider the design requirements of the text in order to formulate an overall concept for one element of the production design. This is	Assessed annotated design tasks. This scheme of work is delivered at the end of Year 8 as it draws upon student's ability to analyse and interpret text, skills that are explored through earlier devising and script projects. This design- based scheme extends students skill set by requiring them to explore the challenges of creating composite set designs. Forcing students to consider the overall staging demands of a performance text and start to develop ideas conceptually.

			supports student learning progression by equipping students with the basic skills required for formulating a response to design- based questions in the component 3 GCSE written examination.	Link to prior learning: Year 7: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-design Year 8: Script study-design This directly supports basic skills required to formulate a response to design-based questions in the component 3 written exam.
	Term		Content	Assessment
			Practitioner study: Frantic Assembly Acting and devising focus	Practitioner study: Frantic Assembly Acting and devising focus
			This project introduces students to the dynamic and highly physical theatre style of Frantic Assembly. Through practical exploration, students will develop their understanding of how meaning can be created and communicated through movement, space, and ensemble work. Building on skills from previous years, students will learn key devising techniques such as <i>Chair Duets</i> , <i>Hymns Hands</i> , and <i>Round-By-Through</i> , using these to generate original material in response to a contemporary theme or text. The emphasis is on collaboration, creativity, and physical storytelling, encouraging students to take risks and experiment with how movement can express emotion and narrative. By the end of the project, students will have created a short devised performance that showcases their ability to work as an ensemble, apply physical theatre techniques, and respond thoughtfully to stimulus material in the style of Frantic Assembly. The rehearsal techniques acquired during this project directly support the development of devised work for the Component one performances at both GCSE and A-Level.	This scheme requires students to create original work in the style of Frantic Assembly, using their methods. It demands a strong approach to collaborative working and an understanding of form and structure, while also exploring the physical and devised theatre techniques associated with Frantic Assembly. Through this, students draw together many of the performance, movement, and ensemble skills acquired throughout Years 7 and 8. Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/Devising-skill base development Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "exploring text"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development.
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Year 9	Autumn Term	1	Practitioner study: Brecht Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus This project is based around the study of a play text, which uses Brechtian techniques. Throughout this project, students will develop an understanding of key concepts associated with Brecht. They will be introduced to the idea of Verfremdungseffekt. By the end of the project students will appreciate that Verfremdungseffekt can be realised through; placards, multi-role, costume	Practitioner study: Brecht Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus Practical assessment This scheme requires students to respond to the thematic content of a contemporary play. It demands a strong approach to collaborative working and an understanding of form and structure as well as being able to navigate

Spring term		changes on stage, visible props/scene changes, epic structure, gestus and direct address. They will develop their physical/vocal skill base through the rehearsal and performance of a devised and scripted Drama. Learning is structured through a three- phase process. Initially students will explore the text by and discuss the key themes that are presented. In the second phase they will explore the way in which Brechtian ideas are used within the structure of a contemporary play and discuss Brecht's approach to theatre. In the third phase students will devise an original drama that evidences their understanding of the working methodologies of Brecht. This project supports learning progression by extending students ability to reference the work of Practitioners, having already studied the work of Berkoff in Year 8.	the inclusion of Brechtian methodology, thus drawing together many of the skills acquired throughout year 7 and 8. Link to prior learning: Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "exploring text"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development/ Exploring Character-performance skill base development.
			This supports component one and three of the GCSE and A-level course.
	2	"Godber" and "Cartwright"	Godber/Stereotype
		Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus	Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus
		During this project, students will be introduced to the work of Jon Godber and	Practical assessment in accordance with K.S.3 levels. Week by week skill
		Jim Cartwright. They will rehearse and perform pieces of script from Godber's "Bouncers", "Shakers" and "Teechers" and study Jim Cartwright's "Two".	audit, chartered assessment. Written assessment.
		Students will participate in a series of teacher facilitated workshops that explore the performance styles of Jon Godber and Cartwright. Students will be able to	Expectation for students to be working within Level 3E-3M+
		identify techniques that Godber and Cartwright utilise in their plays in order to	This performance project continues to build upon the practical skills acquired
		communicate narrative. Students will continue to strengthen their performance	throughout year 7 and 8, whilst challenging students to identify and replicate
		skill base by performing "heightened" characters. This project supports learning	the performance style of Brecht. Here students are required to demonstrate
		progression by encouraging students to reflect on performance style and develop their voice and movement skill-base in preparation for component two	high levels of performance skill in order to realise the demands of playing multiple roles.
		of both the GCSE and A-Level courses. It also encourages students to explore the role of a director, giving them opportunity to facilitate their own rehearsal process in order to realise conceptual ideas when guiding their peers through	Link to prior learning:
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		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making.
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making. Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "Harry Potter and The Cursed Child"-exploration of form, technique and
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making. Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "Harry Potter and The Cursed Child"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development/ Exploring Character-performance skill
		the rehearsal of set extracts of text.	influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making. Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "Harry Potter and The Cursed Child"-exploration of form, technique and

			This links directly to GCSE and A-Level component two performance project
	4	Devising: Verbatim Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus	Devising: Verbatim Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus Practical assessment in accordance with K.S.3 levels. Week by week skill audit, chartered assessment. Written assessment.
		In this project, students will explore the theatrical style of <i>Verbatim Theatre</i> — a form of drama that uses the real words of real people to tell powerful and authentic stories. Students will learn how to collect, select, and shape material from interviews, conversations, and personal testimonies to create original performances based on genuine experiences and social themes. Through practical workshops, they will experiment with ways to bring spoken language to life on stage, focusing on vocal delivery, physicality, and truthful	Expectation for students to be working within Level 3M-4M+ This devising project requires students to demonstrate their ability to perform, devise, analyse and interpret It is an opportunity to evidence the skill based and knowledge acquisition relating to practitioner and styles that they have acquired throughout year 7, 8 and 9.
		characterisation. The project encourages empathy, active listening, and respect for real-world perspectives, helping students understand how theatre can be used to give voice to others and reflect society. By the end of the project, students will have devised and performed a short piece of Verbatim Theatre that demonstrates their ability to collaborate, interpret real material sensitively, and communicate meaning to an audience with honesty and creativity.	Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner study-interpretation and stylistic decision making.
			Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development "exploring text"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development
			Year 9: Practitioner study-extension of knowledge regarding style/Godber study-performance skill base development and understanding of style and form/"Two"-performance skill development and the ability to interpret and analyse.
			This supports component one and three of the GCSE and A-level course
	5	"Blood Brothers", text exploration Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus	"Blood Brothers", text exploration Acting and Interpretation and Evaluation Focus
Summer Term		By the end of this project, students will have experienced the process of exploring a set text in preparation for the K.S.4 component 3 written exam. Students will be able to formulate written responses to exam-style questions based on their knowledge of the set text. They will have a sound understanding of the set text and they will be able to comment on how they would approach the text in performance from the perspective of a Performer. The learning will be structured through a series of practical workshops. Students will be guided through class-based framed exam response activities, culminating with	Practical and written assessment assessment. This final project delivered at the end of Year 9 is a bridging scheme, designed to simulate the text exploration required for the GCSE course. Students will be required to demonstrate their ability to interpret, analyse, devise and perform, drawing off their engagement with the drama curriculum from all three phases.

Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic independent written response. This project supports student learning by providing students with experience of exploring a set text in detail in influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development preparation for progression into K.S 4 study. and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner studyinterpretation and stylistic decision making. Year 8: A place to call home -awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "exploring text"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base developmen/Design project-ability to interpret and analyse Year 9: Practitioner study-extension of knowledge regarding style/Godber study-performance skill base development and understanding of style and form/"Two"-performance skill development and the ability to interpret and analyse. This supports component three of the GCSE and A-level course 6 **Theatre Design:** Theatre Design: **Interpretation and Evaluation Focus** "Blood Brothers" By the end of this project, students will have experienced the process of **Interpretation and Evaluation Focus** exploring a set text in preparation for the K.S.4 component 3 written exam. Assessed annotated design tasks. Students should be able to formulate written responses to exam-style questions based on their knowledge of the set text. They will have a sound understanding The second part of this final scheme of work, draws together the skills that of the set text and they should be able to comment on how they would students have acquired throughout year 7, 8 and 9 in order to respond to the approach the text in performance from the perspective of a Designer. The design requirements of a performance text. As part of the response process, learning will be structured through a series of practical workshops exploring the students will continue to explore the script from a practical perspective, development of design concept for a production of the set text. Students will continuing to hone their performance skill base. consider set, lighting and costume. Students will be guided through class-based framed exam response activities, culminating with independent written Year 7: Key skills-performance skill base development/Commedia-stylistic response. By the end of this last project of the K.S. 3 curriculum, students will influence/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-performance skill development have experienced all the elements that contribute to the three components of and interpretation/Devising-skill base development/ Practitioner studystudy at K.S 4 and 5. interpretation and stylistic decision making. Year 8: A place to call home-awareness of structure and performance skill base development/ Practitioner study-Performance skill base development/ "exploring text"-exploration of form, technique and performance skill base development/ Exploring Character-performance skill base development/Design project-ability to interpret and analyse Year 9: Practitioner study-extension of knowledge regarding style/Godber study-performance skill base development and understanding of style and form/"Two"-performance skill development and the ability to interpret and analyse.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities
Students are provided with the opportunity to participate in theatre visits. Drama clubs are available for all Lower School Students to attend during lunchtime. A performance evening takes place in the spring term and a full school production is produced during the Summer Term.
Resources
As a Department, we have two studio teaching spaces that are equipped to house small scale performances. As a school we have a theatre with retractable seating that can be used to stage large whole-school productions.