

KS3 Drama

Education in Drama includes many different elements of theatre. Through engagement in drama activities, pupils apply their imaginations and creativity. Their increasing knowledge and understanding of how the elements of theatre work enables them to effectively shape, express and share their ideas, feelings and responses.

Throughout KS3 pupils will explore a range of theatrical genres and styles. Drama, by its nature, seeks to study and understand people. It develops the vital social skills in the pupils of this school (which will never leave them) thus enhancing their future career, whatever career that may be.

Aims of Drama at KS3

- Develop understanding of the conventions of theatre.
- Develop the skills and knowledge both to interpret and communicate meaning through character, mood, atmosphere and situation, for example through the manipulation of voice, movement, gesture, timing and space.
- The exploration of scripted texts and the use of stimulus.
- To make use of a range of genres and styles.

Year 7

Throughout the year schemes of work will focus on the *Basic Skills of Acting*. We explore topics such as *Mime and Storytelling, Stage Fighting and Basic Script Work*.

Year 8

Schemes of work will become more demanding, looking at a wider range of Theatre styles. We explore topics such as *Dibbinsbridge* (based on a fictional village) *Trestle Masks, Slapstick Comedy, Comical Mime and Commedia Del'Arte*.

Year 9

Throughout year 9 the aim is to explore schemes of work that will prepare pupils for the GCSE course. Pupils will be encouraged to work more independently and creatively, through schemes such as, *The Tools of the Actor, Stylised Theatre, Script Work, Improvisation and Theatre in Education*.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The drama department runs various clubs during lunch times and after school, such as KS3 and KS4 Drama clubs, KS3 and KS4 Dance clubs and GCSE pupil support sessions. If your child has an interest in the performing arts there is lots of opportunity to get involved in concerts and school productions.