

<b>Subject</b>	Drama
<b>Term</b>	Cycle 1
<b>Duration (approx.)</b>	12 weeks
<b>Module</b>	Murder Mystery: Charlotte Dymond

### **Skills and concepts to be developed and assessed (linking to identified AOs)**

Students will work collaboratively to solve the murder mystery based on the ballad of Charlotte Dymond. To do this students will explore the characters and story through the use of dramatic techniques.

**Creating:** students will use the provided information to come to their own conclusions regarding the murder case of Charlotte Dymond. Together they will work as detectives and unfold the mystery through the use of dramatic techniques.

**Performing:** students will take on the key characters and develop their own interpretations resulting in performance material that move the drama forward.

**Responding:** students will have to use their imaginations and will be expected to problem solve as individuals and as group members. They will be observed on their responses in and out of role such as during spontaneous improvisations.

### **Factual knowledge to be taught and assessed (including subject specific vocabulary).**

Teacher in role, spontaneous improvisation  
 Conscious alley  
 Hot seating, interrogation  
 Role on the wall  
 Aside  
 Conflicts, dilemma  
 Dramatic tension, suspense  
 Climax, Cliffhanger  
 Secrets and lies, suspicion  
 Motivation

### **Formative Assessment/key piece of work prior to end of unit:**

Approximately every other week, groups will perform and there is an expectation that all will evaluate the performance of their peers.

Peers will offer Kind, Specific and Helpful comments upon which others can build.

### **Summative Assessment**

All groups will perform their finished piece demonstrating all of the skills taught and a giving the sense of a 'polished performance' .

### **Building Retention: What prior learning must be built upon/revisited and how will it be assessed?**

In Y7 pupils were introduced to key performance skills, dramatic techniques and character interpretation, it is expected that students will build upon and develop their use of these skills and techniques through the story /ballad of Charlotte Dymond.

Students will be assessed on their use of performance skills as well as their creating skills through the devising process when producing role plays based on given information/stimuli.

### **Spelling-Punctuation-Grammar How will you promote high standards within this module?**

Through verbal communication, there is an expectation that all pupils will speak fluently, concisely and in coherent utterances when expressing an idea or opinion, both in class and group discussion.

Pupils are expected to speak in Standard English during class discussions

### **Link forward: where next for the learning?**

Students to broaden knowledge, understanding and skills of script work using the play 'Our Day Out' by Willy Russell. Students will explore key characters and themes presented in the play.

<b>Subject</b>	Drama
<b>Term</b>	Cycle 2
<b>Duration (approx.)</b>	12 weeks
<b>Module</b>	Script work “Our Day Out”

**Skills and concepts to be developed and assessed (linking to identified AOs)**

**Creating:** students will work collaboratively to explore the text, key themes and characters in order to produce work for performance. Students will gain insight into the playwright’s intentions and use this knowledge to develop their own understanding of character development/interpretation.

**Performing:** students will produce performance work to explore the key characters, issues and text and are expected to display the appropriate performance skills required for accurate interpretation/character development.

**Responding:** students are expected to respond individually and as a whole through careful reflection of the knowledge they gain through studying the play in order to develop their grasp of information given and when making choices as an actor. Students will also respond to their own and their peer’s performance work through the offering of feedback.

**Factual knowledge to be taught and assessed (including subject specific vocabulary).**

- Playwright: Willy Russell
- Playwright’s intentions: themes/issues
- Interpreting the text
- Style: Naturalism
- Characterisation/interpretation of role
- Character development/character motivations
- Audience impact
- Off text devising, using the script
- Performance skills; use of voice, physicality and facial expressions, reactions/responses.

**Formative Assessment/key piece of work prior to end of unit:**

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Peers will offer Kind, Specific and Helpful comments upon which others can build.

**Summative Assessment**

All groups will perform their finished piece demonstrating all of the skills taught and a giving the sense of a ‘polished performance’

**Building Retention: What prior learning must be built upon/revisited and how will it be assessed?**

In Y7 pupils were introduced to key performance skills, dramatic techniques and character interpretation, it is expected that students will build upon and develop their use of these skills and techniques through the study of the script. Students will be assessed on their use of performance skills as well as the devising process when producing off text work through the use of dramatic techniques.

**Spelling-Punctuation-Grammar How will you promote high standards within this module?**

Through verbal communication, there is an expectation that all pupils will speak fluently, concisely and in coherent utterances when expressing an idea or opinion, both in class and group discussion.

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**Link forward: where next for the learning?**

Students will continue to develop upon their performance skills and understanding of drama through the exploration and creation of abstract work using J’s story as a stimulus.

<b>Subject</b>	Drama
<b>Term</b>	Cycle 3
<b>Duration (approx.)</b>	12 weeks
<b>Module</b>	J's Story and 'Face, the play' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Abstract work.

**Skills and concepts to be developed and assessed (linking to identified AOs)**

An introduction to abstract performance work using the story of J and the play 'Face' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Students will use the themes and characters to experience a new style of working in drama through the use of a variety of dramatic techniques, whilst exploring issue based work based on teenage worries and problems.

Creating: students will work collaboratively to explore the given stimulus. Students will together problem solve/find ways in which to present their ideas when responding practically through a new style of performance. This scheme will provide them with plenty of opportunity to experience a new way of working whereby students must experiment with existing techniques/skills in order to produce abstract material.

Performing: students will produce a variety of performance work to explore the key themes/ issues, characters and text. They are expected to display the appropriate performance skills required for accurate interpretation of style of performance, character development and a deeper/more mature use of dramatic techniques.

Responding: students are expected to respond individually and as a whole through careful reflection when creating abstract work. Students will also respond to their own and their peer's performance work through the offering of feedback when evaluating the success of performance material, making judgments on the effective use of techniques within their work and how this can be further developed to meet the requirements of abstract performances.

**Factual knowledge to be taught and assessed (including subject specific vocabulary).**

Style: abstract, surreal, symbolic, physical theatre  
 Themes: Issue based, teenage worries/problems  
 Techniques: Conscience alley, hot seating, thought tracking, devil and angel techniques/thoughts in the head, flashback/flash forward/slow motion/sounds turned off.  
 Dramatic tension: suspense, cliffhanger, climax, anti-climax, dramatic pauses/silences.

Use of music and lighting to add effect/enhance performance.

**Formative Assessment/key piece of work prior to end of unit:**

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Peers will offer Kind, Specific and Helpful comments upon which others can build.

**Summative Assessment**

All groups will perform their finished piece demonstrating all of the skills taught and a giving the sense of a 'polished performance'.

**Building Retention: What prior learning must be built upon/revisited and how will it be assessed?**

Students will continue to build upon their prior learning of performance skills. This will continue through further exploration of different characters, themes and settings presented through the scheme. They will revisit the use and their understanding of different dramatic techniques previously studied in Year 7 extending their repertoire for future, more mature performance work. Students will continue to grow in confidence across the three different assessment objectives.

**Spelling-Punctuation-Grammar How will you promote high standards within this module?**

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**Link forward: where next for the learning?**

Students will continue their learning in Year 9 through the introduction of key practitioners, Brecht and Stanislavski.