Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

In Year 7 Drama, students will explore performance skills such as physical movement, vocal techniques, and teamwork through fun and creative activities. They will learn about *Steven Berkoff* and *Frantic Assembly*, using expressive body language, imaginative lifts, and group work to bring characters and emotions to life.

Drama

Head of Department	Miss C Green
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Lessons per 2 week cycle	2
Specification/Board details/Key stage	KS3 / Year 7

Term by term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Introduction to Performance Skills: Looking at monologues & linking key words to practical tasks.	Beginning Assessment Preparation: Group script- applying our practical performance skills to a new script. Live Theatre: Watching a Live Theatre production & beginning to break down elements of performance.	Steven Berkoff: Students will focus on Steven Berkoff's Total Theatre, using exaggerated vocal skills, tableaux, grotesque facial expressions, and robotic or fluid mime to create bold, physical performances.
Spring 2	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Berkoff Assessment Preparation: Group script- applying our practical performance skills to a new script. Live Theatre: Watching a second Live Theatre production breaking down elements of a performance.	Frantic Assembly: Learning about their second practitioner, the style of their performances and how to make their performances more physical rather than naturalistic.	Frantic Assembly Assessment: Devising their own performance piece incorporating key techniques used by Frantic Assembly to communicate a simple story.

Key Skills Developed	Teamwork, Communication, Annotating a Script, Blocking a Performance, Stage Directions, Physical Skills, Vocal Skills.

Useful Websites	National Theatre Website (https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/home/) Frantic Assembly Website (https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/#site-menu)
Reading/Literacy requirements /Key Words	Key words will be taught in lessons which pupils will be expected to learn and know for the classroom.
Homework requirements	Students will be expected to be revising key words as their ongoing homework. As well as this they will be expected to learn lines for assessment.
Personal Development Links	Drama enhances communication skills through collaboration, active listening, and body language awareness, as well as encouraging self-expression and public speaking in a supportive environment. Drama also improves empathy by allowing people to step into different characters' shoes and understand other perspectives.
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	N/A