

Subject	Year	Term
Drama	9	Autumn Term One and Two
Topic		
Comedy		
Content (Intent)		
Prior Learning (Topic)		
<p>This unit will build on the skills taught in the Improvisation and Melodrama units in Year 8. Students will have explored 'comedy' as a genre in Year 7 and 8 but not have necessarily had any explicit teaching of the genre and its conventions.</p>		
<p>This unit introduces students to the genre of comedy and different types of comedy. It is also an opportunity to build on the improvisation skills taught in Year 8.</p>		
Lessons will include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What makes a piece of drama funny? ✓ Exploration of different types of comedy including farce, slapstick, stand-up comedy, dark comedy. ✓ How to create comedy characters and exploration of caricature. ✓ Improvisation games and exercises. ✓ Performance and evaluation 		
Future Learning (Topic)		
GCSE – devising project.		
How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded? (Impact)	
<p>-Team building and warm up games -Discussion of comedy (tv programmes, stand up, plays) What makes something funny? -Exploration of scripted extracts -Performance -Peer and self-evaluation</p>	<p>There is no official assessment of this unit.</p> <p>Formative assessment throughout of students practical, performance skills. Students will also have the opportunity to peer and self-assess using the assessment criteria.</p>	
How can parents help at home?		
<p>-Discuss drama lessons with your child. What have they been learning? Are they enjoying the lessons? Have they performed? How did it go?</p>		
Helpful further reading/discussion		
Reading	Vocabulary Lists	Careers Links
Please see VLE	Caricature Charade Clown Convention Farce Folly Malapropism Parody Pun Sitcom	Actor Costume Designer Dancer Film Director Front of House Journalist Lighting Design Production Manager Set Designer Singer

	Slapstick	Sound Design Stage Manager Teacher Theatre Director Theatre Manager Writer
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