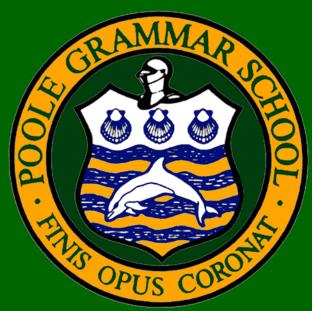
# Poole Grammar School - Key Stage 3

(Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9)

## DRAMA

'Meeting expectations' criteria, programme of study and curriculum content



#### Key Stage 3 Drama 'meeting expectations' descriptors

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Making Drama in rehearsal	Can recognise and use a range of drama techniques with some confidence.  Can co-operate within a group, make a positive contribution, and take some advice from others.	Can recognise and use a wide range of drama techniques with increased confidence and creativity  Can take on a directorial role within a group as well as take direction from others and co-operate fully in group work during rehearsals.	Can use a wide range of complex drama techniques with full confidence in a highly creative way  Can work collaboratively within a group either as an actor, director or designer - often making a very positive contribution to the rehearsal work.
Performing Drama to teacher and peers	Can play a role different to themselves and stay in role for most of a performance  Can speak clearly, using their voice, body movement, facial expression effectively to portray some clear emotion  Can perform in an engaging manner with some awareness of their audience	Can play a variety of roles different to themselves and consistently stay in role throughout  Can use voice effectively considering tone, volume and expression in interpreting text and in improvisation Can use body language effectively.  Can perform in a highly engaging manner with good awareness of audience	Can create an original character with some confidence. Showing a clear understanding of character and context of performance style, the play text or aims of devised piece.  Can effectively use their voice and physicality to portray a character and interpret a text. Can perform dialogue with a range of meaning and subtext.  Can perform in a highly engaging manner with acute awareness of audience
Responding to Drama work of peers and productions seen	Can give reasonable feedback to peers/teacher identifying some strengths and areas to develop of a piece of drama watched.  Can answer some questions about their own performance work and identify some areas of success and for further development.	Can give clear feedback to peers/teacher identifying key strengths and areas to develop of a piece of drama in reasonable detail.  Can answer questions about their own work and identify several areas of success and for further development.	Can give detailed feedback to peers/teacher identifying many strengths and areas to develop of a piece of drama in depth.  Can answer a wide range of questions about their own work and identify fully areas of success and for further development.

## Programme of study for Year 7 Drama

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Theme 1 Introduction: What is Drama? Baseline assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 3 Monologue Performance Formal assessment (6 weeks)	Theme 5 Devised Drama: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations Formal assessment (5 weeks)
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Theme 2 Devising Drama: The Listeners Formal assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 4 Scripted Drama: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations Formal assessment (6 weeks)	Theme 6 Improvisation Summative assessment (6 weeks)

#### Curriculum content for Year 7 Drama

Theme	Content	Assessment
1 Introduction What is Drama? (7 weeks)	Knowledge of key drama terms such as vocal/physical/freeze frame/thought tapping.  Understanding of how to apply key drama terms to performance. How to use music to create mood/atmosphere. How to create a three-part narrative. How Drama is critical assessed.  Skills: teamwork, vocality physicality, ensemble, improvisation	Physical theatre small group piece "Create A Monster"
2 Devising Drama: The Listeners (7 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create an original piece of devised drama from a poem stimulus.  Understanding the importance of building tension in a piece of drama  Skills: teamwork, script writing, devising, vocalilty physicality, ensemble, improvisation	Devised pieces based on The Listeners 3 scenes 5 minutes approx.
3 Monologue Performance (6 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create an original monologue and perform successfully to an audience Understanding the importance of characterisation, engagement and storytelling.  Skills: script writing, devising, vocalilty, physicality, ensemble, improvisation	Original Monologue performance to class 1 to 2 minutes long
4 Scripted Drama: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations (6 weeks)	<ul> <li>Knowledge of how to approach performing and interpreting a classic play text.</li> <li>Understanding the key elements of set design, use props, costume, creating comedy and characterisation.</li> <li>Skills: vocalilty, physicality, comedy improvisation</li> </ul>	Performance of a scripted scene from play in small groups 5 minutes approx.
5 <b>Devising Drama:</b> <i>Ernie's Incredible Illucinations</i> (5 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create an original piece of devised drama from a play stimulus.  Understanding the importance creating backstory for characters  Skills: teamwork, script writing, devising, vocalilty, physicality, improvisation	Devised piece in small groups based on play stimulus 5 minutes approx.
6 Improvisation (6 weeks)	<ul> <li>Knowledge of how to spontaneously improvise successfully. How improvisation can be used to create devised work.</li> <li>Understanding the importance of acceptance in improvisation and listening.</li> <li>Skills: vocalilty, physicality, improvisation</li> </ul>	No formal assessment for this scheme of work. Self-Evaluation of Year 7 Drama at the end of the year.

## Programme of study for Year 8 Drama

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Theme 1a Ancient Greek Theatre Formal Assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 2b Medieval Morality Plays Formal Assessment (6 weeks)	Theme 3b Shakespeare: Pyramus and Thisbe Formal Assessment (5 weeks)
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Theme 1b Ancient Greek Theatre Formal Assessment (5 weeks) Theme 2a Medieval Mummers Plays (2 weeks)	Theme 3a Introduction to Shakespeare <i>Formal Assessment</i> (6 weeks)	Theme 4 Commedia Dell Arte (6 weeks)

#### Curriculum content for Year 8 Drama

Theme	Content	Assessment
1a Ancient Greek Theatre- The Chorus (7 weeks)	<ul> <li>Knowledge of key drama terms such as chorus, canon, echo, unison, and the key plot structure of Ancient Greek Theatre.</li> <li>Understanding of how to apply key choral techniques to a performance.</li> <li>Skills: teamwork, vocality, physicality, ensemble,</li> </ul>	Men of Thebes Assessment. Groups of 5 or 6. Choreograph and learn the final Choral Ode for the play. 2 Minutes
1b Ancient Greek Theatre- Oedipus Rex (5 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create and present a classical tragic theatre piece using mask Understanding the rules of working with and performing in a mask Skills: teamwork, script writing, devising, vocality, physicality, ensemble, improvisation, mask making	Oedipus Assessment Groups 5 or 6 Performance with Mask and Costume 5 minutes long Max
2a Medieval Morality Mummers Plays (2 weeks)	Knowledge of the development of early English Theatre and specifically Christmas entertainment.  Understanding the importance of characterisation, engagement and storytelling.  Skills: vocality, physicality, ensemble, improvisation	No formal assessment for this short scheme of work for Christmas
2b Medieval Morality Plays (6 weeks)	Knowledge of the key role of morality in storytelling and creating drama.  Understanding the key elements of morality plays such as a moral dilemma and punchline.  Skills: vocality, physicality, comedic improvisation	A group of 3-4 devised Morality Play 5 minutes long Max
3a Introduction to Shakespeare (6 weeks)	Knowledge of how to interpret a Shakespearean text and bring to life using sound and lighting Understanding the importance of a central metaphor, interpretation and context.  Skills: teamwork, script writing, devising, vocality, physicality, improvisation	Two assessments in this theme A 2-minute group performance of opening scene of The Tempest And a performance a Shakespeare monologue of no more than 14 lines lasting 1 minute approx.
3b Shakespeare Pyramus and Thisbe (5 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create a comedic scene in style of a play that goes wrong Understanding the importance of characterisation and use of comic mistakes.  Skills: vocality, physicality, improvisation, script writing, costume and mask making	Group performance of Pyramus and Thisbe: the play that goes wrong. 5 minutes long Max
4 Commedia Dell Arte Physical Comedy (6 weeks)	Knowledge of how to create stock characters using physicality and character centres Understanding the influence of Commedia on contemporary comic theatre Skills: vocality, physicality, improvisation, comedic improvisation	No formal assessment for this scheme of work. Students to complete a Drama self-evaluation at the end of Year 8.

## Programme of study for Year 9 Drama

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Theme 1 The Identification Devised Project Formal Assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 3 Devised Project Picture Stimuli Formal Assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 5 Physical Theatre Frantic Assembly (4 weeks)
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Theme 2 The Dumb Waiter- Play Script Stanislavski Formal Assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 4 Humpty Dumpty – Play Script Monologue Performance Formal Assessment (7 weeks)	Theme 5 Physical Theatre Frantic Assembly (3 weeks)

#### Curriculum content for Year 9 Drama

Theme	Content	Assessment
1 The Identification (7 weeks)	Knowledge of key devising techniques Understanding of how to create a piece of Drama from an initial stimulus Skills: teamwork, vocality, physicality, ensemble.	Devised group performance based on The Identification
2 The Dumb Waiter (7 weeks)	Knowledge of how to perform in a Naturalistic style Understanding of the work of director Stanislavski Skills: teamwork, script work, vocality, physicality, ensemble, improvisation, mask making	Duologue performance of short extract from the play
3 Devised project Brecht/Banksy (7 weeks)	Knowledge of the key theories of Epic theatre and the work of Bertolt Brecht Understanding of the key features of non-naturalism Skills: vocality, physicality, ensemble, improvisation	Group Devised performance based on a chosen stimulus.
4 Humpty Dumpty Monologue Performance (7 weeks)	<ul> <li>Knowledge of an issue-based play with themes of bullying and peer pressure</li> <li>Understanding the key features of devising from a play script, creating a monologue performance.</li> <li>Skills: vocality, physicality, comedic improvisation</li> </ul>	Monologue performance based on a character from the play
5 Physical Theatre (7 weeks)	Knowledge of how use physicality to communicate Understanding of the key features of Frantic Assembly's work Skills: teamwork, script work, devising, vocality, physicality, improvisation	No formal assessment for this scheme of work. Students to complete a Drama self-evaluation at the end of Year 9.