



Year Seven Drama

We explore lots of interesting ideas!



What will we do in drama?

- We will explore a range of topics throughout year seven, starting in September with 'Growing Pains' which allows us to discuss things that might be worrying children your age and how to solve problems in your personal life at the same time as learning how to create interesting performances.



Will I have to get up on stage?



- Only if you really, really want to!
- Most drama lessons are taught in our purpose built drama studio, some are taught in the theatre. Everyone will perform in front of the class at some point in the half term but you will be part of a group –you will not be asked to get up and entertain us on your own!
- As well as your drama lesson (once a week) you can join drama club after school or get involved in our school show (rehearsals at least twice a week). This year our school show is inspired by Mean Girls, the lead parts have already been given to older pupils but we always welcome year seven pupils to get involved and take some of the smaller parts. There is also a drama club open to all years (once a week) if you want to get to know pupils from outside your year group who like drama (they are all really friendly).

What will we actually do in drama lessons though?

- At the start of the lesson we will discuss the aim of the lesson and a new idea or topic will be introduced and discussed.
- We usually introduce a new dramatic technique each lesson (role play, freeze frame, thoughts aloud, split stage and lots, lots more to follow!) This will be modelled by your teacher and volunteer pupils.
- You will spend most of the time developing a performance in groups (usually 3-5 pupils per group).
- The teacher will be walking around speaking to each group on a regular basis so that you know what you are doing and what to do next.
- At the end of the lesson some groups will show their performance (or all pupils if all of the class want to) and the class and the teacher will give feedback.
- You will usually be set a task to prepare for your next lesson at home (this could be reading or researching)

Can I do anything to get ready for year seven drama?

- Some year 6 pupils have done drama before and some have not so I have made it as easy as possible for everyone to get involved whilst still keeping it challenging for the more confident performers.
- Arrive with a positive attitude and try to give everything a go. Even if performing isn't your thing, we can help you to be better at working in groups, discussing new ideas, learning about our culture –all of these things are key life skills.



Stay Safe Enjoy your Summer

We look forward to meeting you in September!



Miss Nicholson, Head of Drama.