

DRAMA

Year 7 – 11 Curriculum rationale

Curriculum Intent: "The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life"- Oscar Wilde

The Drama Curriculum at St John's is designed to engage, inspire and challenge students through the use of practical and theoretical exploration of a large range of different dramatic styles and scripts. Our lessons give students the opportunity to develop transferrable skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, leadership, communication and creativity in a safe space which as a result develops students self-confidence in performing and presenting to others. Throughout each half-term, students will engage in a new dramatic style and have the opportunity to perform and be assessed on their progress. This allows the students to access a full range of theatre and deepens their understanding of social, cultural, historical and political factors but also develops their love of the performing arts.

Literacy/Reading/Oracy opportunities: Throughout each year of study, students will especially develop their oracy skills, using effective communication in groups and pairs, alongside developing their performative skills and presentation skills. Through the curriculum, students will be given the opportunity to regularly practise their reading skills by encountering a range of scripts from different dramatic genres. The curriculum is also designed to complement aspects of the SJS English curriculum; where students have analysed a dramatic text in English, they will be given the opportunity to subsequently explore the text through performance.

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Introduction to Drama	Physical Theatre	Greek Theatre	Shakespeare: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'	'Relationships'	Stanislavski: Naturalism
Year 7 Drama	Half term 1 Introduction to drama- Ba - Teamwork - Role of the actor - Role play - Characterisation - Levels & Proxemi - Cross-cutting - Voice and moven - Flashbacks - Dramatic tension - Building a story Half term 2 Physical Theatre	cs nent	Theatre - Understandin theatre - Understandin - Mask work - Teamwork - Choral speaki <u>Half term 4</u> Shakespeare- Midsum	g the origins of Greek g the structure of Greek g the role of the chorus ng mer Night's Dream nto Shakespeare	different stimuluse linking back to the - Research skills - Teamwork <u>Half term 6</u> Performing through text- N - Applying acting ski - Practitioner work of style	f "Relationships" and using es to create a performance theme. aturalism ills into a Naturalistic text of Stanislavski's naturalistic

	 Focus on movement Understanding how to properly use a theatre stage Understanding how proxemics and levels is used in physical theatre Taking a story such as Alice in Wonderland and adding physical theatre into the tea party scene First look at frantic assembly and how they implement physical theatre into their performances 	 Focus on characterisation, voice, movement and staging Use of costume and set design in Shakespearean plays. <u>Half term 3 Drama:</u> To begin to understand the 	
Why?	 Half term 1 Drama: To begin to explore what makes a successful actor show their character and the skills they are required to have to do this. How to work successfully in a team testing their communication skills Performing a piece of drama with the use of different techniques Building confidence through performing Half term 2 Drama: To begin exploring how to use your body onstage with controlled movements. Students will know how to make use of the stage conditions they have, utilising all the space provided How to successfully add in physical theatre techniques into a story being provided as a stimulus 	 techniques used within Greek theatre plays and the origins of them How to work successfully in a team to produce a performance using the structure of a Greek theatre play Focusing on the use of voice and movement within the chorus and how they successfully use masks and chorus to tell the story to the audience Half term 4 Drama: To explore a Shakespearean text through a drama perspective and build on their current knowledge from English. How to read text and understand a character's personality and characterisation through the dialogue. How to use their character to the audience. To understand an insight into why costume and set design is important in this play. 	 <u>Half term 5 Drama:</u> To introduce how the students can devise a successful piece using provided stimulus' Students will use their teamwork stills they have developed to work with their group to create their performance Students will have a creative mindset by choosing their storyline, characters and how techniques to use in the performance. <u>Half term 6 Drama:</u> To have student utilise all their current acting skills to perform a naturalistic text Students will investigate Stanislavski's techniques and see how this would improve their understanding of their characters (e.g. what if, given circumstances) Students will use their practitioner knowledge to then develop their overall characterisation and performance skills
How parents / carers can support	 Half term 1 Drama: Express to your child the importance of being able to work in a team with different individuals to be successful 	Half term 3 Drama: - Students can look on the BBC bitesize to get an understanding into Greek theatre	Half term 5 Drama: -Students can look on Youtube at previous examples of GCSE Devised drama performances so they can see the standard of what is expected when devising at GCSE level and gain some inspiration

	 There are many examples of live theatre production on Youtube or adaptations of plays into films. Students being able to access and watch theatre can inspire their interests. <u>Half term 2 Drama:</u> Access the Frantic Assembly website <u>https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/</u> Watch an example of a physical theatre performance in person or online Have students read/watch know the story outline of Alice in Wonderland 		https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articl es/zgpdjxs#zfq3bqt - Visit a local Amphitheatre (do the tour) <u>Half term 4 Drama:</u> -Encourage your child to research the Elizabethan era and the conventions of Shakespearean comedy. The British Library website has a section dedicated to the play and articles about the comic genre. -The Oak National Academy website has a short course of lessons based on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' They also have a range of imaginative writing and grammar courses which could be used to support independent study. -Access the BBC 'Shakespeare Retold' collection and watch the modern retelling of the play. Alternatively, watch a faithful film or theatre adaptation of the play.		-They can spend additional different ideas from the the them of storylines that wou performance <u>Half term 6 Drama:</u> -Students can look on the b introduction into Stanislavs <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitusion/5</u> -Watching a play on stage of students to be inspired of h way successfully	eme/ stimulus provided to ald work best for their hitesize page of a ki esize/guides/zxn4mp3/revi or virtually allows the
	Autumn		Sp	oring	Sum	imer
	Silent Movies	'The Woman in Black'	Bertolt Brecht: Epic Theatre	Theatre in Education	Shakespeare: 'The Tempest'	'Harry Potter'
Year 8 Drama	Half term 1: Silent Movies -Use of non-verbal communication acting skills - How to carefully select a prop for a character and how to successfully use it on stage -Link to the melodramatic style Half term 2: Script work- Woman in Black -Performing a text -Multi-role playing Creating tension -Staging		Half term 3: Bertolt Brecht- Epic Theatre -Understanding Epic Theatre techniques -Creating a Brechtian piece of theatre -Research skills -Devising a performance from a stimulus Half term 4: Theatre in Education -Devising a theatre in education performance for a target audience of primary school children -Using a real-life story or situation as a stimulus		Half term 5: Shakespearean text- The Tempest - Develop background knowledge of Shakespeare - Performing a text - Focus on characterisation, voice, movement and staging - Use of set design in Shakespearean plays. Half term 6: Harry Potter - Inputting their acting skills and techniques into different scenes within Harry Potter - Choral speech - Physical theatre	

	-Characterisation	-Research skills	- Script work
		-Forum theatre techniques	- Teamwork
	 Half term 1 Drama: -To understand the importance of using their non-verbal acting skills to showcase their characterisation -Students gain an understanding of the Melodramatic style, how it originated in Silent movies and how it is still used in modern plays -Students learn how to integrate a prop into their performance and how to use it to develop their characterisation -Importance of the use of music to alter the audience interpretation of the scene 	 Half term 3 Drama: -To understand the social, political, historical and cultural impact Brecht's theatre had on the audience -To understand the importance of morals in a performance, how this impacts and audience and how to successful get our intentions across. -To research their own stimulus with real-life stories they feel should be presented in the Brechtian style. -To gain an understanding into different Brechtian techniques and how to implement these into theatre 	 <u>Half term 5 Drama:</u> To explore a Shakespearean text through a drama perspective and build on their current knowledge on the text from English. How to read text and understand a character's personality and characterisation through the dialogue building from their previous work from Year 7. How to use their characterisation skills to present the character to the audience. To understand how to add in physical theatre into a scripted performance
Why?	 Half term 2 Drama: Students will use their acting skills from the previous year and understand how to successfully work in a group to perform a piece of text They will gain an understanding how to multi-role play as different characters with altering their characterisation To understand how to use the staging, and characterisation to create tension which influences the audience. 	 <u>Half term 4 Drama:</u> -To understand the style of Theatre in Education and how to portray a moral message to a young audience (using the last half-terms work as inspiration) -To gain an insight into forum theatre techniques to implement into performance -To adapt their performance for different audiences and how this can alter the impact on audience (e.g. primary and secondary school students) -To develop their devising skills and working in a group to create their performance 	 <u>Half term 6 Drama:</u> To combine their current skills and techniques and how they can present these within the story of Harry Potter and its scenes. How to use choral speech, physical theatre, script work to current repertoire and make it engaging for stage. How to successfully retell aspects of a well-known story through their techniques. To be able to identify which acting skills and techniques they need to improve on for next year.

How parents / carers can support	Half term 1 Drama: -Your child can watch examples of silent movies through Youtube such as Charlie Chaplain's "The Kid"They can look at the aspects of Melodrama through 		Half term 3 Drama:-Students can access Epic theatre informationthrough the Oak Academy or BBC BitesizewebsitesWatching examples of Epic theatreperformances through Youtube to see the stylein actionResearch particular topics they feel theywould like to adapt into a Brechtianperformance.Half term 4 Drama:-Students can research into Theatre inEducation through BBC bitesize and watchexamples through YoutubeStudents could also do additional researchusing the internet, newspaper articles, thenews to help choose a topic they think wouldbe good to use for their performances.		Half term 5 Drama: -The best support you can gethat they are reading regular- -Encourage your child to reand the conventions of Shars British Library website has a play and articles about the -The Oak National Academy course of video lessons on the	arly. search the Jacobean era ikespearean comedy. The a section dedicated to the comic genre. y website has a short 'The Tempest' and 'Sonnets 3. laptation of the play. d aspects of the Harry and the story. visit previous techniques
	Au	tumn	Spring		Sum	nmer
	Devising How to create Drama	Konstantin Stanislavski: Naturalism	Conflict	'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'	John Godber: Comedic Style	Exam-style performance
Year 9 Drama	Using a stimulusAdding in relevar	sing a piece of theatre	_	us: le theme of 'conflict' a from different week.	_	

		- Research skills	- Independently working
		- Using techniques from Frantic	- Performing a script
		Assembly (practitioner work)	- Influence of practitioner skills and techniques
		- Physical theatre	- How an actor prepares.
		Half term 3 Drama:	
	Half term 1 Drama:	-Building on from their work in Half term 1,	Half term 5 Drama:
	-Students will understand the appropriate steps to	students will be set the theme of 'conflict'	-To understand the works of practitioner John Godber
	take when devising a piece from a stimulus	where they must use different stimulus' to	and his comedic style of plays
	-Develop their understanding of how to work	create a performance that links with both	-How to perform a comedic piece in a controlled way
	effectively as a group to achieve a good outcome.	stimulus and theme.	-Developing characterisation of multi-role playing the
	-Research skills and how this is important when	- Stimulus' will include newspaper articles,	different characters within his play.
	creating a devising piece fit for purpose from the	pictures, songs and titles.	-To understand the effectively way to approach a
	stimulus.	-Students will work on different strategies on	script and staging this.
		how to explore a stimulus effectively.	-Students will perform a choice of 3 plays of Godbers
		-Independent work in class which focuses on	which will challenge their focus on stage, line learning
	Half term 2 Drama:	how the students can work in an effective	and characterisation skills.
	-Building on from Year 8 knowledge of the	team.	
Why?	naturalistic style and practitioner skills and		Half term 6 Drama:
,.	techniques		- To understand the process of creating a scripted
	-How to use techniques of what if, given		performance through the GCSE AQA model.
	circumstances etc. To implement these into	Half term 4 Drama:	-Develop a strong understanding of the importance of
	naturalistic texts.	-To understand the work of the company	being able to work independently in drama and how
	-Expectations of spending time at home learning	Frantic Assembly	additional research outside of school can benefit to
	lines to perform their pieces to the best of their	-To understand how they used physical	outcome.
	ability.	theatre, lighting, sound and movement to	-Student will be given marks based on preparation and
	,	create a 4D experience for the audience and to	performance in the process, highlighting the
		represent the main character.	importance of focus within rehearsal.
		-To gain an awareness of how to use their body	-A opportunity for students to showcase their overall
		on stage effectively to show different objects	dramatic skills and techniques they have used in the
		and environments with little need for set and	past 3 years to perform a script.
		props.	
			Half term 5 Drama:
	Half term 1 Drama:	Half term 3 Drama:	-Students can do additional research into John Godber
	-Students visiting or watching theatre online is the	-Students visiting or watching theatre online is	as a practitioner and his previous works.
	best way to spark a creative interest in drama.	the best way to spark a creative interest in	-There are full productions of Teechers, Bouncers and
	-Students can do additional research at home	drama.	Shakers on YouTube the students can watch and see
How parents / carers	towards their devising performance which they can	-Students can do additional research at home	how it is performed to an audience with multi-role
can support	bring into lessons.	towards their devising performance which they	playing.
		can bring into lessons.	
			Half term 6 Drama:
	Half term 2 Drama:	Half term 4 Drama:	-Although we have a wide range of plays that can cater
			for groups of 2/3, students are encouraged to research

	 -Encouraging students to learn lines whilst out of lessons so this can improve their performance mark for assessment. -The best way to support the student is to run lines with them and test them on their knowledge whilst at home. -Students can access additional information on Stanislavski's naturalism through BBC Bitesize and the Oak Academy 	-Students can read the Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time book to gain a prior understanding of the story. -They can look through Frantic Assembly's website seeing their past performances and look on YouTube at how they rehearsed certain aspects of the performance.	if there are any particular scripts they would like to perform as a part of this assessment. -Students need to be encouraged to learn lines at home and you can run through this with them to test their knowledge. -Students will also be required to do additional research into their script by searching/ watching previous productions.
Year 10	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 10 Edexcel Drama	Introduction to the course-Requirements for the 3 Components-The role of an actor, acting skills, performancestandards-Different theatre techniquesComponent 2- Performance from texts-Acting through script-Taking a script from page to stage-Monologues, duologues and group work-Perform in the style of different practitioners andgenres-Complete a mock performance of scripted pieces tounderstand performance requirements and linelearningComponent 3 - Exploring Live Theatre-Watch live theatre examples-Explore how to analyse the performance usingcorrect drama terminology and director's creativeintentions	Component 1- Devising Skills -Breaking down a stimulus -Group work -How to record the portfolio -Exploration of different genres, styles and practitioners. -A mock performance of the performance aspect of the component <u>Component 3- Bringing Texts to Life</u> -Students begin to explore the exam text of An Inspector calls. Done through practical and written exploration -Roles to putting on a production -How to stage the performance as a director/costume/lighting/set/sound designer -How they would use their acting skills to show the characters in the play and how it effects representation of them -Linking to social, historical, political factors and creative intentions	Component 3- Bringing Texts to Life -Students continue to explore the exam text of An Inspector calls. Done through practical and written exploration -Roles to putting on a production -How to stage the performance as a director/costume/lighting/set/sound designer -How they would use their acting skills to show the characters in the play and how it effects representation of them -Linking to social, historical, political factors and creative intentions -Exam structure Component 3 –Exploring Live Theatre -Watch live theatre examples -Explore how to analyse the performance using correct drama terminology and director's creative intentions -Exam structure
Why?	-Students will understand the requirements and commitment to complete the GCSE in Drama to a high standard -Students will get a first look at how to approach a performance through text and how to influence their acting style based on the character and genre. -Explore one aspect of the written exam where they understand how to analyse live theatre in different styles. This also benefits them in other components	 -Devising requires students to understand the process of making an original performance that links strongly to the stimulus (brief) provided. -Students will explore this through a variety of different practical explorations, research tasks and reflections on the effectiveness of their work. -The portfolio is a large portion of the Component 1 mark, and students need to understand the importance of the how to 	-Students will explore An Inspector Calls practically so they can visually understand how a director, lighting, costume, sound, set designer would operate putting on this production. They also need to understand contextual factors that can influence these decisions and how this affects the representation of the characters. -Focusing on the structure of the exam means students are more prepared on how to answer their questions confidently.

How parents / carers can support	as they can implement ideas from these live performances. Students will be required do rehearsals afterschool in preparation for performances. Encouraging students to learn scripts at home to make them prepared before going into Drama lessons. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Revision can also be accessed through: <u>GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize.</u> Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube	present their research and review the progress of their performance. -Students will explore An Inspector Calls practically so they can visually understand how a director, lighting, costume, sound, set designer would operate putting on this production. They also need to understand contextual factors that can influence these decisions and how this affects the representation of the characters. Students will be required do rehearsals afterschool in preparation for performances. Students are encouraged to do research for their devised performances outside of lessons to utilise more time for rehearsal and performance. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Students can also access practice past papers through the Edexcel website. Revision can also be accessed through: <u>GCSE</u> <u>Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize.</u> Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube	 -The more access students have to watching live theatre, the better outcome and understanding of how they can analyse performances. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Students can also access practice past papers through the Edexcel website. Revision can also be accessed through: GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize. Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube
Year 11	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 11 Edexcel Drama	<u>Component 1-Devising</u> - Creating and developing a devised piece from stimuli. - Working on a group performance of the devised piece -Analysing and evaluating the creative process and group devised performance. -Perform and submit NEA. <u>Component 3</u> -Students view the chosen live theatre they will use as a part of their exam in May. -Students learn the approach to writing their notes to take into the exam	Component 2 Exam -Students given their final two scripted extract performances which will be externally assessed by an examiner -Acting through script -Monologues, duologues and group work. Component 3 Section A: Bringing Scripts to Life and Section B: Live Theatre Review: -Exam structure -Preparation of notes -Studying the elements of drama through practical and written exploration	<u>Component 3</u> Section A: Bringing Scripts to Life and Section B: Live Theatre Review: -Exam structure -Preparation of notes -Studying the elements of drama through practical and written exploration -Revision until the exam

	-Continuing to work on An Inspector Calls- Bringing texts to life and Live Theatre review. -Students complete a mock exam of the paper	-Revision	
Why?	 -Using what they have learnt in previous devising lessons, students will complete the Component 1 NEA and understand the preparation, performance and outcome of making a devised performance. -The portfolio requires is worth a large part of the overall Component 1 grade. -Students having a mock exam will give them the preparation of how the approach the exam in May. It 	-Students will have already learnt the disciplines of taking a performance from page to stage. They will have an indication about which genre, style and type of character is their strongest to use in their exam. -Students will take the feedback from their mock exam and use this to tailor their revision	-Students will have already learnt the disciplines of taking a performance from page to stage. They will have an indication about which genre, style and type of character is their strongest to use in their exam. -Students will take the feedback from their mock exam and use this to tailor their revision focus for this term
How parents / carers can support	allows students to assess their strengths and areas of development in Component 3. Students will be required do rehearsals afterschool in preparation for performances. Students are encouraged to do research for their devised performances outside of lessons to utilise more time for rehearsal and performance. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Students can also access practice past papers through the Edexcel website. Revision can also be accessed through: <u>GCSE Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize.</u> Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube	focus for this term in Component 3. Students will be required do rehearsals afterschool in preparation for performances. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Students can also access practice past papers through the Edexcel website. Revision can also be accessed through: <u>GCSE</u> <u>Drama - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize.</u> Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube	in Component 3. Students can revise for Component 3 using the revision guide and workbook provided to them at the start of the year. Students can also access practice past papers through the Edexcel website. Revision can also be accessed through: <u>GCSE Drama -</u> <u>Edexcel - BBC Bitesize.</u> Students can also watch examples of live theatre through YouTube