

Belfairs Academy Drama Fundamentals – Year 7

Knowledge

Devising

Students will begin to develop a basic understanding of how drama and theatre is developed and performed.

Students will use live theatre to reflect on:

- understand how to use role play and techniques to create meaning and impact
- understand how designers use set and props to create impact and meaning
- understand how designers use lighting, sound, colour and music, to create impact and meaning
- understand how designers use costume and make up to create impact and meaning
- understand how directors use the stage space and spatial relationships to create impact and meaning
- develop vocal and physical understanding of characters

Skills

Devising skills

Students will learn skills which will enable them to create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance.

Students will learn skills to be able to:

- Choose and research a stimulus
- Establish aims and objectives for a performance
- Practically explore content through drama techniques
- Discover genre style and form through exploration
- Develop structure

Evaluation

Students will offer basic analysis of live performance.

Students will demonstrate an emerging understanding of:

- The themes of the drama what is was about
- How characters were communicated through voice and movement
- The strengths and weaknesses of a performance
- How performers use basic techniques to assist in the communication of the theme/character intentions of the piece
- How to use basic terminology correctly

Performance skills - Students will learn to apply basic theatrical skills to communicate role/character and theme in live performance:

- rehearse and learn lines
- collaborate with a group to adapt work in response to rehearsals
- use vocal skills clarity, pitch, pace, pause, inflection, projection
- use physicality skills space, gesture, stillness and stance
- combine physical and vocal skills
- develop a role and character
- communicate with other performers and audience
- show understanding of genre, style and theatrical conventions
- Designers costume. lighting, set and sound

Evaluation skills – students will learn to offer basic analysis by evaluating their own work and that of others. They will develop basic skills to reflect and analyse the process of devising

- Initial response to the stimulus
- Creative exploration of the stimulus
- How far they developed their theatrical skills
- The benefits they brought to the pair/group and the way in which they positively shaped the outcome
- the overall impact they had as individuals