

Year 8 – Drama	
Summary of curriculum	The Smith's Wood Year 8 Drama curriculum prepares all pupils to create, perform and respond. Ehen making drama students will be exploring characters and stories, sharing ideas and opinions. When performing drama students will present and produce, taking on the role of a character. Responding to drama will involve evaluating their own and others work to show their understanding and knowledge about drama.
Main topics	<p>Autumn Term</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop acting skills to create meaning. <p>Melodrama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce basic Melodrama techniques and stock characters. Use proxemics to show power and status on stage. <p>Spring Term</p> <p>Commedia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the key characteristics of commedia characters. Develop techniques derived from Commedia dell'Arte <p>Summer Term</p> <p>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring through practical work how to take a play from page to stage. <p>Loop Dialogues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using text as a stimulus for devising theatre.
Assessment throughout the year	<p>Classroom assessment undertaken twice every half term. Students at KS3 will have feedback using Aspirational grades WT4, 5+ or 7+.</p> <p>Students will receive marks in line with the school marking policy.</p> <p>WAGOLLS (what a good one looks like) will be used with students in the classroom as a visual aid to success criteria.</p>
How parents can support their child's learning from home.	Live theatre opportunities
Stretch & Challenge opportunities	<p>Weekly Drama club</p> <p>Locally we have many theatres that we can access to deepen your child's understanding drama and theatre.</p> <p>Birmingham Hippodrome, Cresent Theatre, Birmingham Rep, Alexander Theatre, MAC and The Core.</p>
Useful websites	<p>GCSE Drama - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>National Theatre Live Official website Filmed live theatre (ntlive.com)</p>