

# Year 9 Autumn Term 1 – Drama Knowledge Organiser

## **Expectations and content** - What is this unit about and why do we teach it?

### **Unit 2: Devising Drama – “Think before you drink”**

This unit introduces students to the concept of devising drama from a stimulus. Over the course of the Autumn term (1 lesson a week), students will explore the dynamics of collaborating with others to create thought-provoking and challenging drama material. Students will be inspired by the work of Frantic Assembly and other performance artists in creating their own devising work. This is a practical component in which students are assessed on their ability to create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance, apply theatrical skills to realise artistic intentions in live performance and analyse and evaluate their own work.

## **Drama skills**

Vocal skills (the way an actor communicates using their voice)

TRIPPPP

- Tone, rhythm, intonation, pitch, pace, pause, projection.

Physical skills (the way an actor communicates using their body)

BOMBS

- Body language, gesture, movement, blocking, spatial relationships.

FACE

- Facial expression, accent, configuration, eye contact.



## **If your child needs support**

### **Suggested activities to help:**

- Re-read key scenes from the play, “Too Much Punch for Judy” by Mark Wheeler. You could practice these together taking on roles.
- Watch video clips which explain the devising process of companies such as Frantic Assembly (scan QR code).
- Create a role on the wall for the key characters.
- Scan the QR code in the box below to visit the BBC Bitesize revision page for “Creating devised performance.”



## **Knowledge and understanding**

- Genre
- Sub-text
- Character motivation and interaction
- Dramatic climax
- Stage configuration and stage directions
- Relationship between performer and audience
- Design of set, props, costume, lighting and sound
- Performer’s vocal and physical interpretation of character

## **If your child needs extension**

### **Challenging activities to complete:**

- Write a monologue to develop the background of your created character.
- Design a setting for the play or costumes for a chosen character.

### **Suggested further reading or research:**

- Research the performance work of companies such as Frantic Assembly, DV8 and Paper Birds. Explore their devising process and how they create performance work.
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