

Year 8 Drama Curriculum Overview

Year 8 students have one lesson a week. The programme of study develops the work that the Year 7 programme put in place. We follow a skills based curriculum, with communication as the central focus. Students are introduced to performance elements from Puppetry and Mask (can include Tal Nori mask form); and theatre traditions such as Commedia Dell'Arte and Melodrama. Student achievement is celebrated through sharing the work and awarding merits.

Core Units (in the order studied)

Ensemble building

Unit 1: Performance elements such as Puppetry and/or Mask

Unit 2: Physical theatre characterisation - Commedia Dell'Arte

Unit 3: Script Realisation such as Melodrama

Skills of collaboration – working together; vocal and movement skills; rehearsal, analysis, process and performance skills are covered throughout the year.

Assessment

Assessment is done as an ongoing process, with the final assessments of each unit being written up on the ARR.

Homework

The homework expectation in year 8 is focused specifically on developing rehearsal and research skills. These are all unit related.

Enrichment

During the year a variety of departmental initiatives are offered to enhance students' learning. These include Drama clubs, performances and working with older Drama students.

Ways to support

Take students to the theatre! Hong Kong has a vibrant theatrical scene with local amateur and professional companies as well as a wealth of visiting theatre practitioners from all over the world - especially during the Hong Kong annual Arts Festival. Run lines with students - help them learn lines by listening and watching them rehearse. Encourage students to join the Drama after school club and get involved in other theatre roles such as tech and costume.

