



Drama: Year 7 Overview

Autumn 1: Introduction to Drama at FBS

Students are introduced to a range of performance skills and techniques that will be used throughout their time with us. This will culminate in a showcase either live or virtual for staff and parents to watch their first performing arts debut at FBS!

Autumn 2: Story Telling

Students learn the key components of storytelling, which is crucial to any piece of engaging theatre. Students experience using stimuli to create content for the first time, which is something they will do throughout their Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 drama lessons.

Spring 1: Silent Movies

We learn about some of the principal features of silent movies, and how they require an exaggerated style of performance. This unit helps students to build confidence and learn the value of gesture of body language for communication. Students also use these techniques to create their own performance.

Spring 2: Greek Theatre

This unit introduces students to the performance style of the Greek Chorus. The students learn to perform as an effective ensemble which also builds their teamwork skills and develop their resilience. This is their first experience of understanding how historical context can affect a performance style. For this unit the students learn their scripts off by heart for their assessment.

Summer 1: Chocolate

Students use the concept of chocolate as a stimulus for a wide range of purposes: performing monologues, learning lines for scripted scenes and using physical theatre to create a chocolate making machine. The unit culminates in an assessed television advert to promote their personalized chocolate bar!

Summer 2: Devised unit

This scheme of work is a showcase of everything they have learnt in Year 7. From a stimulus they will create a story using as many techniques as skills as possible from all the previous topics.