

## Year 8 Drama Revision

### Performance Skills

Do you know what the following Drama words mean?

- Confidence
- Acting
- Teamwork
- Expression
- Imagination



1. Acting: Acting is the art of portraying a character in a performance by using physical movements, voice, and emotions to tell a story.

2. Confidence: Confidence is the belief in one's abilities to perform or speak in front of others without fear or hesitation.

3. Teamwork: Teamwork is working together with others to achieve a common goal, such as putting on a play or scene.

4. Expression: Expression is the use of facial features, gestures, and voice to communicate emotions or ideas in a performance.

5. Imagination: The ability to create ideas, images or stories in your mind. In Drama it helps actors bring characters and scenes to life.

Do you know what the performance skills are?

- Gesture
- Voice
- Facial Expression
- Movement

## **Mime Skills**

Can you remember the rules of MIME?

Here are some basic rules for Mime in Drama class:



Do's:

- Do focus on using your body and facial expressions to communicate, without words.
- Do make your movements clear and exaggerated to help the audience understand your actions.
- Do use imaginary props, making sure to act as if they are real.
- Do work on making your actions smooth and realistic, using your whole body.
- Do keep eye contact with the audience to help express emotion and make the scene engaging.

Don'ts:

- Don't make sounds or speak while performing a mime.
- Don't break character by laughing or reacting to mistakes during the performance.
- Don't move too quickly—mime requires deliberate, controlled actions.
- Don't forget to exaggerate your movements to make them clear to the audience.
- Don't touch or rely on actual props—everything in mime is imagined.

## **Pantomime**

Can you name some famous pantomimes, such as:

- Cinderella
- Babes in the Woods
- Aladdin
- Dick Whittington
- Snow White....and others



And do you know the stock characters?

- The Hero
- The Villainess
- The Heroine
- The Side Kick

## **Scriptwriting**

Can you write an imaginative script?

You would have to include:

- Character names in the margin
- Stage directions in brackets

It should look like this:

Mrs Brown	(approaching Edward)...Well? How did the night at Darkwood go?
Edward	(clearly agitated) Mrs Brown, it was awful! Now, where is my money?
Mrs Brown	Patience dear boy, all in good time! You must tell me what happened...
Edward	(whispering, almost in tears) Alright, but I warn you, what I have to tell you, will change you forever...

