Year Group	Learning Cycle 1 –	Learning Cycle 2 –	Learning Cycle 3 –
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Mime	Storytelling Theatre	Script Exploration:
Year 7 is a foundation year where students			(Ernie's Incredible
are introduced to the study of drama as a			Illucinations)
discrete subject. Across the year they will			
develop key skills beginning with mime,	Clowning	Devising for a Stimulus:	
exploring the creation of character through		(The Mystery of Harris	
clowning and leading into the world of		Burdick)	
storytelling theatre and scripted work.		,	
Year 8	Improvisation	Physical Theatre	Shakespeare:
Year 8 builds on the work completed in Year			(A Midsummer Night's
7, developing the use of physical and vocal			Dream)
acting skills further and exploring a range of	Slapstick	Devising:	
different performance styles, including		Poem: The Identification	
physical theatre, slapstick & improvisation.			
Students learn to respond effectively to			
stimulus material in the creation of devised,			
original work and also explore Shakespeare,			
learning to interpret his language and bring it			
to life.			
Year 9	Status	Puppetry	Scripted:
In Year 9, students focus on building their			(Curious Incident of the
confidence to use their acting skills to create			Dog in the Night-time)
clearly defined characters in a range of	Stage Combat	Devising:	
different scenarios. The theme of status is		Stimulus: Image	
explored to develop an understanding of			



proxemics and physical skills are put to the test through the study of stage combat. Students explore what it is like to work as a GCSE student through a series of devised and scripted projects.		Verbatim Theatre	
Year 10	Exploration of Physical	Introduction to	Component 2:
Students follow the AQA syllabus in Drama.	Theatre	Brechtian Theatre	Practical Performance &
Year 10 is structured so that they develop			Devising Log
their skills and understanding of how to			
interpret script and respond to stimulus material to create effective pieces of	Component 1:	Component 2:	Component 1:
performance, culminating in the production	Blood Brothers & Live	Devised Theatre project	Blood Brothers & Live
of a devised original theatre by the end of the	Theatre Seen		Theatre Seen
year.			
Year 11	Component 3: Texts In	Component 3: Texts In	Component 1:
Year 11 has a focus on scripted work until	Practice	Practice	Blood Brothers & Live
March. They will explore two extracts from a			Theatre Seen
selected play and develop a final			
performance for examination by a visiting	Component 1:	Component 1:	
AQA examiner.	Blood Brothers & Live	Blood Brothers & Live	
Students also continue to develop their ability to interpret the set text, Blood	Theatre Seen	Theatre Seen	
Brothers, writing from the perspective of			
performer, director and designer, as well as			
their critical analysis and evaluation of live			
theatre.			
Year 12	Component 1:	Component 1: Servant	Component 1: Servant To
Students follow the AQA syllabus for Drama	Introduction to	To Two Masters and Live	Two Masters and Live
& Theatre. The year is structured to grow and		Theatre Seen	Theatre Seen



develop skills in the first term, exploring a range of different styles and practitioners before students have the freedom to select their chosen stimulus and practitioner through which to produce a piece of original theatre. Across the year, students also develop their powers of analysis through the study of set text 1: A Servant To Two Masters and also the evaluation of the work of professional theatre.	Commedia Dell'Arte and Servant To Two Masters. Component 2: Exploration of the development of expressionism and physical theatre	Component 2: Devised Original Theatre & Working Notebook	Component 2: Devised Original Theatre & Working Notebook Performance Exam
Year 13 Students explore the performance of three extracts from three different select plays of their choice. All plays must contrast one another and extract 3 is performed in the style of a selected practitioner. A reflective report accompanies the final performance which is assessed by an AQA visiting examiner. Students explore set text 2: Bronte and develop their analysis skills from the perspective of Performer, director and designer, whilst continuing to improve their evaluation of live theatre seen.	Component 1: Bronte & Live Theatre Seen Component 3: Exploration of Extract 1 & 2	Component 1: Bronte & Live Theatre Seen Component 3: Development and Performance of Extract 3 Submission of Reflective Report	Component 1: Developing exam technique. A Servant To Two Masters, Bronte & Live Theatre Seen

