

Year 8 Unit 2 Horror

Name of unit	Drama Skills
Why do we study this unit?	To apply drama skills learnt so far. To apply rehearsal techniques by polishing a piece of improvised or scripted drama. To learn presentation skills and how to create tension and atmosphere in Drama. To understand it is acting skill that makes the scene scary.
By the end of the unit, students will be able to....	To take part in a news style programme, to recognise the common themes in all Horror scenes – fear, isolation. To be able to start to create atmosphere for an audience through the use of pace, pause, silence, facial expression and timing.
Links to previous units	Students will apply mime skills, imagination, freeze frames and build on vocal skills covered in Unit 1.
Key vocabulary	Rehearsal, facial expression, vocal skills , tension, atmosphere, focus.

Week and summary topic	Knowledge and skills learned
1: The Press	Pupils will learn about the role of the press in the world. They will work in a whole class improvisation as a reporter at a Press Conference. The information given will be presented in a news style programme with a host, eyewitnesses, experts and outside broadcaster.
2: Rehearsal	Pupils will revisit the 5p's of voice work- projection, pronunciation, pitch, placing emphasis and pause and Still Image. Before rehearsing their Broadcast programme. Students will be marked on this process as part of their milestone assessment.
3: Milestone Assessment	Perform milestone assessment and be marked for performance.
4: Written	Pupils will watch and assess their process and use evaluation skills will be used to identify strengths and areas of development, using drama terminology.

5: The Journey	Pupils will use their imaginations and in role as a reporter will be sent on a mission to Transylvania. Where they will make a discovery building on acting skills to create tension and atmosphere.
6. The Discovery and The Newspaper Headline.	Pupils will use their imaginations to end their adventure, returning with a Newspaper Headline, using a Still Image and Caption Making.