# Key Stage 4 – Year 10 – GCSE Drama

## **Curriculum Map**

	Autumn I	Autumn 2	Spring I	Summer I	Summer 2
			Spring 2		
Topic	Introduction to GCSE Drama	Component 2 – Devising	Component 1 - Blood	Component 3 – Texts in	Component 3 – Texts in
Overview	Students take part in a series	Students will revisit the tools	Brothers	Practice.	Practice
	of activities to develop	and techniques learnt in the	Students develop their	Students are introduced to	In practical lessons students
	transferable skills required	Autumn 1, applying these	knowledge from page to	the requirements of	continue work on
	through the GCSE Drama	skills to create a mock	stage of the professional	component 3. Students start	component 3. They reflect on
	course. This develops into a	devised piece in groups.	work – Blood Brothers.	by exploring a number of	assessment from extract 1
	series of workshops to	Students will complete a	Through a series of	different play extracts,	and have the opportunity to
	develop the tools and	mock devising log developing	workshops students	revisiting skills required to	further develop and apply
	techniques students require	the skills required to track	practically explore different	stage one extract.	performance skills through
	to create the component 2 –	and evaluate their process.	aspects of the play in		exploration and performance
	Devising coursework.		preparation for their	Component 1- Blood	of a second extract.
			component 1 written	Brothers (Exam Questions)	
			examination.	In a fortnightly theory lesson,	Component 1- Live Theatre
				students are introduced to	Review
				the written exam paper and	In their fortnightly theory
				learn how to approach	lesson, students watch and
				questions on <i>Blood Brothers</i> .	analyse the musical play Billy
				·	Elliott and are introduced to
					Live Theatre section of the
					written exam.
Focus	Initial activities - which are	Students will deepen their	Students develop their	Introduction to component	Students work through the
	predominately practical	understanding of the	knowledge of vocal, physical	3 through trialling of a wide	same process as extract 1
	based including	different tools and	and interaction skills.	variety of play texts and	(Summer 1) to produce an
	improvisations and team	techniques as they explore a	Students become secure in	extracts in groups, pairs or on	extract 2, developing a
	challenges. The aim is to	·	their understanding of this	their own. This practical	deeper understanding and
	build confidence,	stimuli in groups, applying	vocabulary discussing these	exploration intends to allow	application of skills:
	cooperation, and teamwork	these to create a group		students to find suitable	
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to deepen student understanding of how to work effectively in groups and develop their collaborative skills.

## Devising / style workshops-

the aim is to provide students with an opportunity to develop their knowledge of a variety of tools and techniques they can use in their own devised work. Teacher led- workshops (Stanislavski, Brecht, Physical Theatre, Verbatim) which leads students to create short scenes trialling the variety of techniques.

#### Devising mock process.

Students explore 5 possible stimuli in preparation for component 2 – devising. Students will develop the understanding of how to approach a stimulus.

perform in front of an audience. Students will work through the process of writing a devising log covering the three different aspects:

- 1. Response to Stimulus
- 2. Development and Collaboration.
- 3. Analysis and Evaluation

skills and how they are used to create.

- Students will read Blood Brothers cover to cover as a class over the term. This is through reading short scene/extract each lesson incorporating discussions and practical exploration.
- The structure and tasks are according to the extractfocussing on character interpretation, themes and application of performance skills.

extracts. This a combination of monologues, duologues and group- the extracts should provide some contrast.

#### Extract 1

development: Students start to focus on bringing the extract to stage through developing the following skills and techniques though a series of workshops:

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### Comp 1- Live Theatre Review

Students watch the play in full and then focus on key scenes which can be discussed in response to Live Theatre Exam Questions. Students develop their

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				Having studied the play in full in Spring 1 and 2, students now focus on small extracts from the play and develop their analytical written skills and exam technique. Each lesson students revise the context of the extract, analyse the characters in the scene, and discuss/write about use of performance and design skills in response to an exam style question. Students develop their confidence with reading and interpreting exam language and learn how to approach each question on the paper.	knowledge and understanding of the plot, characters, style and social/political context of the play. They then utilise the analytical and evaluative skills developed in their Summer 1 Theory lessons, as they learn to interpret and approach the final section of the written exam paper.
Assessment	Assessment is mainly through short performances to assess how students are working with each other and developing tools a techniques required for devising. Regular verbal feedback provided to students.	Assessment is through regular feedback, additionally a final mock assessment of both the performance of the group devised piece and devising log.	Assessment in through regular feedback within lessons, along side the marking of short exam style questions.	Assessment is through a mock assessment of a mock in one extract.  Assessment is through teaching and peer marking of exam style questions.	Assessment is through mock assessment of a mock in a second extract.  Assessment is through teaching and peer marking of exam style questions.