



Subject Level Descriptor

Department	DRAMA	Year Group	8	Assessment	MELODRAMA
Assessment Summary	<p>During this scheme of work students will explore Melodrama. They will learn about the style and features of this 19th century theatre through improvised scenarios and the text <i>The Black Hearted Villain</i>. Skills and areas of assessment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the style and stock characters of Melodrama • Freeze frames and extended improvisation based on characters and scenarios • Working from a script • Characterisation through use of voice, physicality and space • Creating a small scripted performance that feeds into a full class performance 				

	Group work / Collaboration	Creativity/Devising	Performing	Evaluating/Responding
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative engagement. Inability to collaborate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic/underdeveloped practical creation. • Basic explanation of creative intentions. • Limited refinement of ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical delivery is inappropriate – it detracts from the performance. • Limited ability to create characters that support the creative intention. • Characterisation is uneven. • Inconsistent control – theatrical devices lack development and there are lapses in focus/energy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underdeveloped analysis/evaluation. • Limited use of terminology. • Inability to consider personal contribution. • Limited ability to refine work.



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<p>Level 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some adequate engagement – may need teacher input to remain/engage with the group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some sound practical creation.• Adequate explanation of creative intentions.• Some refinement of ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical delivery is generally appropriate and consistent – it generally contributes to the performance.• Sound ability to create characters that support the creative intention.• Characterisation is partially developed.• Control is adequate – an emerging range of theatrical devices are used and focus is adequate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate analysis with basic evaluation.• Some appropriate use of terminology.• General ability to consider personal contribution.• Some ability to refine work.
<p>Level 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear engagement throughout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competent practical creation.• Coherent explanation of creative intentions.• Development and refinement of ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical delivery is appropriate, consistent and purposeful – the energy contributes to the performance.• Clear ability to create characters that support the creative intention.• Characterisation is developed.• Control is competent - a developed and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coherent and generally balanced analysis and evaluation.• Mostly appropriate use of terminology.• Clear ability to consider personal contribution.• Competent ability to refine work.



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			confident range of theatrical devices are used and focus is appropriate.	
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure, sustained and consistent engagement throughout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effective and sustained practical creation.Clear and consistent explanation of creative intentions.Effective development and refinement of ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical delivery is engaging and effective throughout – the energy enhances the overall performance.Effective ability to create characters that support the creative intention.Characterisation is in-depth and refined.Control is secure – a convincing range of theatrical devices are used and focus is sustained and confident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure and balanced analysis and evaluation.Clear and consistent use of terminology.Effective and sustained ability to consider personal contribution.Secure ability to refine work.
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confident and assured engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assured and comprehensive practical creation.In-depth and considered explanation of creative intentions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical delivery is dynamic and skilful – the energy and commitment are integral to the performance.Accomplished ability to create characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assured and fully balanced analysis and evaluation.Confident and accomplished use of terminology.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accomplished development and refinement of ideas.	<p>that support the creative intention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Characterisation is assured and in-depth.• Control is comprehensive – an accomplished and sophisticated range of theatrical devices are used and focus is highly engaging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive ability to consider personal contribution.• Proficient ability to refine work.
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