

## KS3 Aim High Assessment descriptors Performing Arts

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Aim High Step Descriptors		Key Stage 3 Performing Arts  B C		
		Knowledge & Evaluation	Collaboration & Devising	Communication & Performance
Working Towards Year 7 expectations.	Step 1	Students will use basic Drama Terminology.  Students will describe the use of Facial Expression, Body Language and Gestures in their own performances.	Students will offer some basic ideas, but will often rely on the ideas of others.  Students take direction from other members of my group.	Inconsistent focus in performance and in the use of performance techniques. (Corpsing)  Some attempt of the use of facial expressions, body language or
Working at the Expected Standard and are meeting the criteria as described by the curriculum area for Year 7.	Step 2	Students will use a variety of Drama Terminology with reference to a Performance.  Students will be able to explain performance choices for their character's facial expressions, body language and gestures and whether they have been effective.	Students will offer some basic ideas when devising: about the narrative, character development and performance techniques used.  They are a good teamplayer, sometimes taking part in creative conversation and listening to others.	Stays in character throughout the performance, some of which are imaginative.  Some use of physical and vocal performance technique.
Working Above the expectations for Year 7 and at a greater depth.  Working towards Year 8 expectations.	Step 3	Students will identify and describe different Drama Performance techniques, using correct Drama Terminology.  Students will be able to identify whether their personal performance choices were effective and explain why.	Students can offer their own ideas when devising: on narrative, character development and performance techniques used and explain why they think their ideas are effective.  Are students a reliable member of the group, taking direction well and actively listening to and taking part in creative conversation.  Students will be committed to trying different ways of doing things.	Good characterisation, which is effective through use of vocal and physical performance technique.  Some good timing and consistency of meaning displayed throughout the performance.  Some good use of practical performance techniques which are apparent to an audience.
Working at the Expected Standard and are meeting the criteria as described by the curriculum area for Year 8.	Step 4	Students will identify, describe and evaluate different performance techniques using specific Drama Terminology.  Students are able to justify and evaluate their personal performance choices and discuss the impact on an audience.  Students are able to use their knowledge of specific Drama styles to create an accurate performance.	Students can work in a consistently collaborative way, explaining their ideas accurately with justification.  Students will work well in a group, independently managing others, giving direction and using full rehearsal time effectively, ensuring they have time to develop ideas and polish work.  Students are committed to listening to others and trying out ideas to see which works best.	Good characterisation whilst performing as a range of characters, which is effective through use of clear vocal and physical performance techniques.  Good use of timing and consistency of meaning displayed throughout the performance.  Good use of practical performance techniques which are apparent to an audience.
Working Above the expectations for Year 8 and at greater depth.  Working towards Year 9 expectations.	Step 5	Students will confidently describe and evaluate different performance techniques using specific Drama Terminology consistently.  Students will confidently justify and evaluate my personal performance choices and their subsequent impact on a specific target audience.  Students will use their knowledge of specific Drama styles to create an accurate performance and justify their choices.	Students will work in a consistently collaborative way, whilst exploring their ideas and issues. While doing this they will analyse and reflect on our ideas and consider our intended target audience.  Students will use rehearsal time to focus on the visual and emotional engagement of very specific moments in the performance.  Students will be committed and a dedicated member of their group.	Excellent characterisation whilst performing, which is effective through consistently thoughtful use of vocal and physical performance techniques.  Able to use a range of strategies to engage and audience.  Displays control within the full range and styles of characterisation.  Excellent use of timing and consistency of meaning displayed throughout the performance.
Working at the Expected Standard and are meeting the criteria as described by the curriculum area for Year 9.	Step 6	Students will evaluate and analyse different performance techniques using specific Drama Terminology consistently.  Students will analyse and justify their personal performance choices and their subsequent impact on a specific target audience.  Students will be able to confidently use specific knowledge of stylised performance skills to improve the planning of a individual performance.	Students will work in a consistently collaborative way, creating a performance which avoids obvious or derivative roles or situations.  Students can experiment with different styles and genres of performance and will be comfortable with all aspects of physicality.  Students will use rehearsal time effectively, being organised and using it to polish and experiment. Students do not normally use their first or only idea.  Students are committed and dedicated member of my group and can also maintain a consistent rapport with all other performers and the audience.	Excellent performance as a range of characters with varied characterisation, which is effective through clear and consistent vocal and physical performance techniques.  Good use of a range of strategies to engage and audience.  Displays clear control within the full range and styles of characterisation.  Excellent use of timing and consistency of meaning displayed throughout the performance.
Working Above the expectations for Year 9 and at a greater depth.	Step 7	Students will securely evaluate and analyse different performance techniques using specific Drama Terminology consistently.  Students will confidently analyse and justify my personal performance choices and their subsequent impact on a specific target audience.  Students will be able to confidently use specific knowledge of stylised performance skills to improve the planning of a individual performance and justify my decisions.	Students will explore their groups ideas using analysis and reflection, with a clear personal response and appreciation of creative intention.  Students will confidently experiment with different aspects of physicality, whilst considering the style and target audience.  Students will use rehearsal time very well, being entirely focused on the visual and emotional engagements of specific moments and there subsequent impact on my chosen target audience.  Students will be a committed and dedicated member of their group and can also maintain a consistent rapport with all other performers and the audience.	Fantastic performance skills were vocal and physical skills are secure and effective. Excellent understanding of how creative choices communicate meaning to an audience. Delivery is appropriate and consistent throughout.  Secure technical control in the use of physical techniques (gesture, facial expression, stillness, stance, contact, use of space and spatial relationships). Physical performance shows competent variation and range.  Excellent use of timing and consistency of meaning displayed throughout the performance.