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Scheme of Learning Title	Y8 Stand Up Comedy
Learning outcome.	 End Product: Students will create a 2-4 minute stand up comedy sketch – individually or in pairs – using the Comedy Toolbox. Knowledge and Understanding : Knowledge of how you build a comedy stand up sketch, understanding of comic timing and what makes something funny. Skill Set: Comic timing, use of comedy tool box, teamwork, delivery
Key Question	How do you build an effective comedy sketch that will make your audience laugh?
Knowledge	 Key Concepts: Use of the comedy toolbox to create an interesting and funny comedy sketch. Key Skills: Sketch writing, comic timing, communication, direct address Techniques: repetition, metaphor, juxtaposition, misdirection, sarcasm, inversion, absurdity, put downs, slapstick, spoof
Ongoing Assessment i.e. formative	 Formative Assessment will happen throughout all lessons. Examples: Exit cards, Whole class discussions, spotlight performances/ questions, thumbs up check in for terminology, RAG checks, use of Bookmark MAC to set a personal target that they will continue to strive to achieve, 1-5 for confidence when using a technique Misconceptions: success of putdowns (steering away from this) Homework: Development of final comedy sketch
Key Assessment	Summative Assessments Final Comedy Sketch Written Self-Assessment against creating criteria Written reflection of the final performance. Formal Teacher Assessment given marking against performance criteria created for. This will provide an overall colour linked to criteria. Informing the first data entry point. Data is tracked in a rolling document throughout the year for all assessments, so we have an accurate representation of the pupil across different topics.
Clear sequencing of content	Narrative L1 Introduction to Stand up Comedy: Key Skills: Metaphor, Slapstick, Sarcasm



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Diversity and Inclusion	Diversity & Inclusion:
Links to Careers	Careers Links: Skills developed in drama are used widely throughout all professions, skills such as: <i>Communication, Teamwork, Emotional (Self-awareness/motivation/ confidence), leadership skills, creativity,</i> <i>decision making, judgement skills, conceptual thinking, problem solving, product design -makeup.</i> Stand Up Comedian
	Systematic Building of Vocabulary Pupils have a toolkit that was created in Y7, a new and improved version can be created. This allows pupils to identify key terms and their definitions. <i>At the end of the unit there can be an option to reflect on this with RAG.</i> Pupils are proactively asked to use these skills and techniques in practice. Physical evidence of them in performance can support their understanding of the definition.
	 Help Future Learning Over the 3 years of KS3 the aim is to create a specific vocabulary that pupils can use when devising and reflecting on performance which will support their understanding at GCSE. An understanding of how to build a short script and incorporate techniques from workshop sessions. Recap of terminology from Year 7 to ensure that key skills are understood to introduced new styles throughout the year.
	Themes/ Concepts that are built upon Improvisation, Comedy and Commedia Dell'Arte
	L5 Assessment Sketch Preparation/Peer Assessment L6 Comedy Sketch Performances
	L3 Technique Development. Key Skills: Rule of Three L4 Assessment Sketch Preparation
	L2 Technique development. Key Skills: Exaggerated Vocal and Physical skills, absurdity

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	Pictorial representations/videos of Comedy Sketches/Comedians from different cultures/heritages and the LGBTQ+ community: Susan Calman, Nish Kumar, Andy Osho, Aurie Styla, Paul Chaudhry, Shappi Khorsandi, Doc Brown
Additional support	 Practical techniques are suggested using a coloured system so pupils can choose to apply one set of techniques rather than all of them. Resources available on SharePoint Access to live performances to watch skills/ techniques to support their own application. Drama Terminology Page to ensure key words/ definitions can be referenced.
Challenge	Challenge All lessons will include challenge levels to support and stretch all learners. Research: BBC - Comedy Classroom - Welcome to Comedy Classroom for secondary schools