

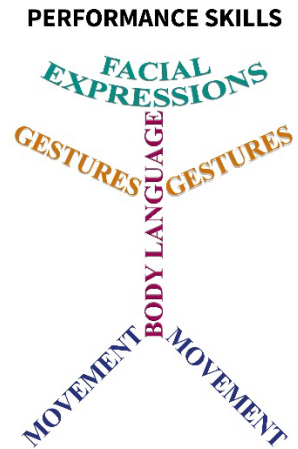
## Year 8 Drama Knowledge Organiser – Commedia Dell’arte

### Commedia

You will be exploring an Italian style of theatre from the 1500s which has continued to influence drama today. You will be focusing on body language, use of gesture and learning how to perform wearing a mask.

Tasks for this topic:

- Applying exaggerated body language to a piece
- Learn the illusion rules for masked performance
- Learn to stances for and perform as the set Commedia Dell’arte characters



Performance Techniques	
Lazzo	Scripted routine
Illusion rules	Rules to follow to create effective masked performance work
Stock character	Character archetype
Pantomime	A comedy style of staged production which encourages audience participation