

Lower 4 explore costumes for Six the Musical



Lower 4 are working towards their Grade 4 Acting examination. They will perform *Six the Musical*, it is a modern retelling of the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII. They take turns telling their story to determine who suffered the most from their common husband.

In this week's lesson we discussed what costume does for a character, how it informs the audience about the characters social position and personality and how it can affect their posture and how they move.

They enjoyed dressing up to help with their characterization. Summer (Katherine Howard) and Tahlia (Anne Boleyn) decided to wear a high neck costume to represent how they were decapitated when executed. The other students decided to wear a corset, we discussed how difficult it would be to perform in one and how it would affect their movement. They have been asked to sketch a design of their character costume for our next lesson.

As costume is not permitted during their exam, students must now envision how the costume would affect their stance, poise & physicality.

Keep up the good work Lower 4!

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