



Lesson 4- Behind the Scenes

Outcomes:

- Be able to identify 8 roles/ jobs within theatre. .
- Know the pros and cons of an End On Stage Space.

Introduction

Explain that for the next few lessons we are going to be focusing on different roles and jobs within theatre and will looking specifically at set & costume design.

Starter

Watch [this clip](#), showing 'Behind the Scenes' of The Cursed Child Stage Show. Identify jobs/ roles apart from actors. What other jobs/ roles do you know backstage in theatre? Students can use 'Behind the Scenes Mindmap' Template to brainstorm their ideas. This can be done on paper or digitally (using the editable pdf template)

Activity 1- Behind the Scenes Quiz

Display the PowerPoint 'Behind the Scenes Quiz' and give students the Worksheet called 'Behind the Scenes Roles' They should guess which definition matches each theatre role. When you have completed this, consider:

- Which 'roles' do you think will work closely together on a production?

Activity 2- Proscenium Arch Stage Space

Watch [this clip](#) about the Palace Theatre in London, where The Cursed Child is playing.

Why did they choose this theatre for the Harry Potter stage show?

What is a proscenium arch stage space?

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of performing on a proscenium arch stage space? Students can complete the pdf or editable pdf version of Student Worksheet- End On Stage Space.

Finisher & Plenary

Share advantages & disadvantages of an End On Stage Space for both actors & audience.



Student Worksheet

Behind the Scenes-Roles

Set Designer
Costume Designer
Director
Stage Manager
Marketing Manager
Lighting Designer
Sound Designer
Playwright
Movement Director