

1. 'Matilda' music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. Script by Dennis Kelly.		
1	Summary of the musical	Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins to appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!
2	Characters	Matilda Wormwood Zinnia Wormwood Harry Wormwood Miss Honey Miss Trunchbull

3. 'Wicked' music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Script by Winnie Holzman		
1	Summary of the play	Wicked is an alternative take on 'The Wizard of Oz'. Before Dorothy was even alive, two young girls met in the Land of Oz, became rivals, and then friends. The green-skinned Elphaba was ostracized by her family and by everyone at school. Galinda was destined to be forever popular. Over the course of Wicked, we discover how these two young women became rivals and then the closest of friends – and how they ended up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.
2	Characters	Elphaba Glinda Yiyero Boq The Wizard of Oz Nessarose

3. 'Little Shop of Horrors' music by Alan Menken. Lyrics and Script by Howard Ashman		
1	Summary of the play	Seymour Krelborn is a meek and dejected assistant at a floral shop who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names "Audrey II" after his crush at the shop. Little does he know that this strange and unusual plant will develop a soulful R&B voice, a potty mouth, and an unquenchable thirst for HUMAN BLOOD. As Audrey II grows bigger and meaner, the carnivorous plant promises limitless fame and fortune to Seymour, as long as he continues providing a fresh supply of blood. Just when it's too late, Seymour discovers Audrey II's extra-terrestrial origins and his true drive for world-domination.
2	Characters	Seymour Audrey Audrey 2

2. 'Dear Evan Hansen' music and lyrics by Benji Pasek and Justin Paul. Script by Steven Levenson.		
1	Summary of the play	Dear Evan Hansen tells the story of a young man with social anxiety disorder who so yearns to make a connection with his peers. When a classmate commits suicide, Evan Hansen finds himself at the center of the tragedy and turmoil. In a misguided attempt to comfort the boy's grieving family, Evan pretends that he was actually good friends with their son. He invents a fabricated email account to "prove" their friendship, and when a fake suicide note makes its way online, Evan finds himself the unintended face of a viral video about loneliness and friendship. His relationship with his actual mother wanes in comparison to that of his "shiny new family." He finally lands the girl of his dreams, and most importantly, he's no longer invisible.
	Characters	Evan Hansen Zoe Murphy Connor Murphy Larry Murphy

Vocal Skills		
1	Vocal Skills – In Musical Theatre we use: REDCAP	R – Rhythm and Tempo E – Emphasis and Dynamics D – Diction and Projection C – Control A – Accent P – Pitch and Tone
Physical Skills		
1	Acting through song – In Musical Theatre we use: GSPEED	G – Gesture S – Stance P – Posture & body language E – Expression E – Eye contact D - Dynamics
Stagecraft Skills		
1	Stagecraft skills – In Musical Theatre we use: BEPLACES	B – Blocking E – Entrances & Exits P – Proxemics & use of space L – Levels A – Audience Awareness C – Concentration & Focus E – Energy S – Set & Props
Key Vocabulary		
1	Rehearsal	Using time to rehearse effectively to practise a piece of work.
2	Group skills	Being able to listen, share and work within a group successfully.
3	Subtext	What's going on beneath the lines.
4	Hot Seating	Hot Seating when a character or characters, played by the actor, are interviewed by the rest of the group.
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