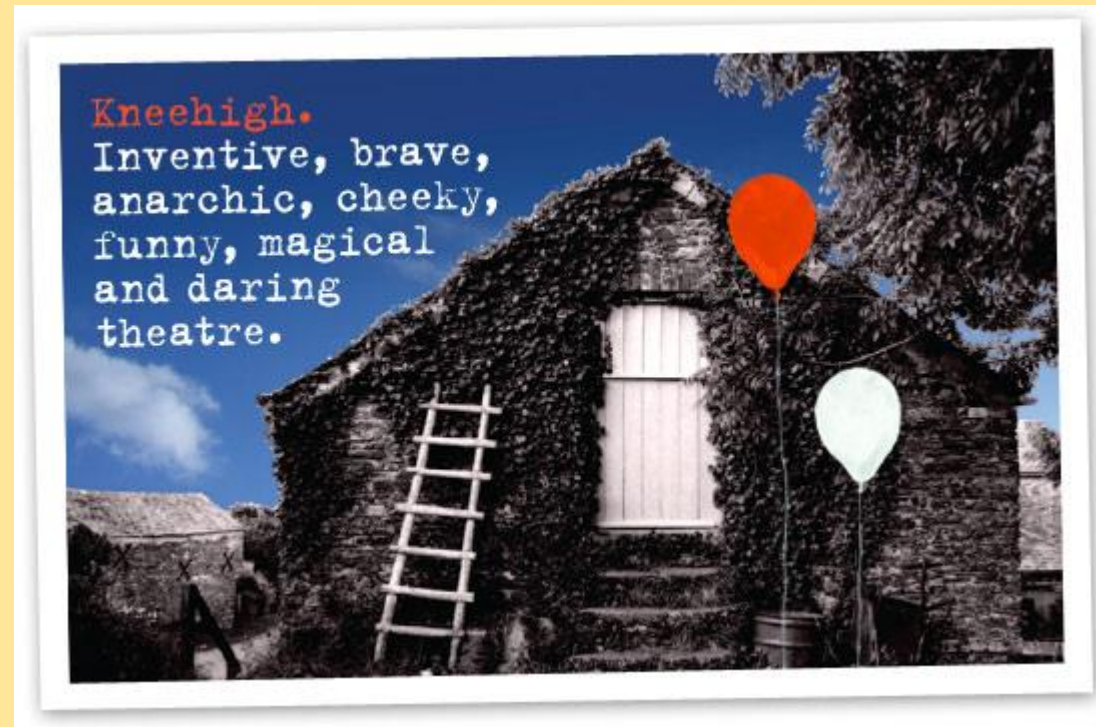


# Drama and Theatre A Level

Taster Session on Kneehigh Theatre Company and Puppet Work



# Kneehigh



# Overview

- An innovative company founded in Cornwall in 1980.
- A touring company- good opportunities to see their work.
- Their style is described as 'joyful anarchy'- it is creative and innovative.
- They are a storytelling company who approach the fairy tale, not as childish or a trivial story but as a surreal account of an aspect of real life.
- For Kneehigh, folk tales reveal a dark core and help children come to terms with the painful side of being a human.
- Their work is very collaborative and no production element is more important than another.



# Kneehigh and Puppets



What was effective about this moment?







# What makes Puppetry Work effective?

- **1. Focus**







## 2. Movement and Sound





**3. Interaction**

**4. Imagination and Belief**



# Task

- In pairs create a 1 minute performance using your puppet.
- **The piece needs to communicate a journey between the actor and the puppet. Eg. Meeting the cat for the first time - being a little apprehensive of the cat that is determined to sit on your knee - cat and human become good friends.**
- Ensure you used effective puppet skills; focus, movement and sound, interaction, imagination and belief.





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