The first term is about you, so if you are eager to get a step ahead of the game, then start talking to your family about your early life. You will need to bring things that help trigger your memory and bring your history to life! It is a good idea to dig out any old school reports, photographs of your life and family, and so on. You should bring personal objects that are precious to you and have emotional significance. Please bring these with you at the start of term, especially if you are coming from overseas because it always takes time to locate things at a distance. You cannot hope to understand another character’s life and history until you understand your own. Reality before theatricality!

Before the start of term, please prepare the following work:
- One head and shoulders portrait of yourself
- One top to toe self-portrait (this does not mean life size! No bigger than A3 please!)
- One head and shoulders cartoon of yourself
- One top to toe cartoon of yourself (again no bigger than A3)

Use any medium that is exciting and creative (pencil, pen, chalk, watercolours, oils, torn paper, beans, beads etc). I do not want any complaints about “not being able to draw”. You do not have to draw, you have to create! The sky is the limit!

You will also need to compose two poems about yourself, we will look at this work in the first week of timetabled teaching:
- One poem should start objectively with “she/he is a…”
- The second poem should start subjectively with “I am…”

Please do not panic about the academic reading list, you will get notice of what you need when you need it. However, please consult the Equipment List we have provided.