

Welcome to the Performing Arts Department!

Performing Arts is taught to all students throughout KS3 and is offered as a GCSE at KS4.

Students study a combination of Music and Drama throughout each year.

Within Drama our aim is to develop student's technical skills along with enjoyment and appreciation of Drama as an art form; and to support students in understanding the contexts theatre operates in. Students will use a range of drama skills including; theatre craft (design lighting, props and costume) and problem solving –based upon issues and published play scripts. They will also capture their own response, development and an evaluation on paper. Students will be involved in evaluating both their own work and work of others.

Within music our aim is to develop musical skills, knowledge and understanding through participation in the three principal activities of Performing, Composing and Listening.

More specifically to:

1. Maintain and / or stimulate students' curiosity, interest and enjoyment of music.
2. Encourage students' participation in musical activity at a level appropriate to their ability.
3. Allow students equal access to the music curriculum and to experience success and enjoyment in their work.
4. Encourage students to work independently and co-operatively (as a part of a group) in a variety of activities using traditional instruments and emerging music technologies.

Performing

5. Enable students to develop instrumental skills on a keyboard and a range of percussion instruments.
6. Provide the opportunity for students to receive tuition on a band or orchestral instrument subject to the availability of such instruments.
7. Enable students to perform individually and as a member of a group.

Composing

8. Stimulate students' musical imagination and creativity using traditional instruments and music technology.
9. Develop students' ability to create and express musical ideas.
10. Encourage students to evaluate and refine their initial ideas.
11. Develop students' composing skills as an individual and as part of a group.

Listening

12. Enable students to respond emotionally and intelligently to a variety of music.
13. Develop students' familiarity with (and confidence in the use of) a body of musical knowledge and vocabulary.
14. Develop students' appreciation of human achievement in music and understanding of some aspects of music history.

At Christmas the Performing Arts department and the Catering department team up to put on a 'Pensioners Tea Party' which allows both departments to put their skills to the test as they prepare and serve afternoon tea and put on the entertainment.

We also have Concerts which parents are invited to attend and a variety show.

