

Performing Arts: Drama, Dance, and Music

In 2019, 100% of students achieved the equivalent of a **Grade 4 or higher in BTEC Performing Arts: Drama** and **86% achieved at least a Grade 4 in Music**. **Dance has been extremely successful with previous cohorts continuously attaining 100% at equivalent of Grade 4 or above.**

Drama and Dance

Key Stage 3: Drama

We aim to build confidence, form great relationships and promote excellent teamwork. Students will participate in performance, creating and responding to work. They follow a broad programme of study which enhances both their knowledge of drama and dramatic skill and, also gives them perspective of the wider world.

Key Stage 3: Dance

In Musical Theatre students develop their knowledge and understanding of the subject through looking at Performance, Composition and Appreciation.

The main skills that are developed are rhythm, precision, projection and character.

Key Stage 4: Performing Arts

BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts (Drama or Dance)

Acting: Students study a play text, see live theatre and perform plays they have created themselves and those that have been written by others.

Dance: Students study practitioners and set works, see live dance and choreograph dances themselves.

In the second year of the course, the students are assessed in all areas of study by their teacher and by external examiners. The students are encouraged to aspire to high performance values both in their acting/dance and in the technical areas of performance.

The units of study include:

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

Component 3: Performing to a brief

Music

Key Stage 3 Music

Students explore a range of topics in music focusing on the core skills of composition, performance and appraising. Lessons focus on learning through the elements of music and students study a range of styles and instruments throughout key stage 3. This provides them with the skills required at GCSE, if chosen as an option in Year 9.

Key Stage 4 Music

Students will study GCSE at KS4, which is divided into 3 units:

Unit 1 - Performance 30%

Students will perform 2 pieces of grade 3 standard music where the focus is fluency, accuracy and expression. These performances will be recorded under exam conditions and sent off to the exam board for moderation.

Unit 2 - Composition 30%

Students will have to complete 2 compositions in the second year of the course, where they will be expected to create a free composition for the first and respond to a set brief from the exam board for the second piece. This area of the course will be completed during lesson time and students will have the opportunity to use music technology to enhance and record their work.

Unit 3 - Appraising 40%

Students will complete an examination at the end of year 11, where they will look at 4 areas of study and 2 set works, which is worth 40% of their overall GCSE. Students will learn music theory and explore different genres of music throughout the two-year course.

