



Expressive and Performing Arts Learning Area

Welcome to an overview of the Performing Arts Learning Area

I am Miss Scott, Head of Learning Area for Expressive and Performing Arts. The Expressive and Performing Arts learning area is one of the most vibrant areas of the Academy with 15+ specialist teachers. Subjects include Art, Textiles, Food, PE, Drama and Music. Within this learning area we offer students the opportunity to excel in the creative subjects, take risks, collaborate and create work which showcases their personality and creative potential. All of our subjects are studied at Key stage 3 and are offered as GCSE pathways. Alongside this we also offer sports clubs, drama productions, musical concerts and many opportunities for extra-curricular participation. Our creative partners in the past have included the Barbican, National Theatre and National Opera, The Royal Academy of Arts amongst many others. Three of the most well-loved events in the school calendar are the annual musical, Mossfest and sports day.

Across our learning area students are taught in mixed ability groups with eight classes across the year group. We assess students through a variety of methods which include practical assessment, Knowledge Organiser tests and formal written exams.

Art and Textiles Department

Facilities: The department has three specialist classrooms: two art rooms and one textiles studio which each house their own CAD CAM facility. The textiles studio is also fully equipped with sewing machines, industrial heat press, dye sublimation printer and a laser cutter.

Curriculum: In Years 7 and 8, art, textiles and food are taught on a nine-week rotation. All students have two rotations of art, one of textiles and one food for two hours per week. In Years 9 to 11, students can choose to study Art and Design with a specialism of either Fine Art or Textile Design as one of their option subjects. For either GCSE, students follow the Pearson Edexcel exam board.

Drama Department

Facilities: The department has three teaching spaces. The Chapel, the Auditorium and the Drama Studio which are both fully equipped with specialist lighting and sound for our productions and performances.

Curriculum: In Years 7 and 8, students have one drama lesson per week. In Years 9 to 11, students can elect to study Drama and follow the WJEC syllabus.

Extra-Curricular: Whole School production and targeted workshops.



Food Department

Facilities: a kitchen with 26 work stations, 13 cookers and a fully stocked pantry.

Curriculum: In Years 7 and 8, all students complete a 9 weeks rotation of food consisting of a double lesson each week. In year 9 to 11, students can choose to study AQA Food preparation and nutrition or WJEC hospitality and catering.

Music

Facilities: two dedicated classrooms, including a state-of-the-art Mac suite, five practice rooms and access to a range of musical instruments.

Curriculum: In Years 7 and 8 students have one music lesson week explore a variety of musical genres. In Years 9 to 11, students can elect to study Music and/or Drama. At GCSE students may follow the AQA syllabus in Music and EDUQAS in Drama, or the Pearson BTEC in Performing Arts or Music Practice.

Extra-Curricular: Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior band, School of Rock and the Whole School Production.

The Individual Learning Programme (ILP) Individual music lessons: These are heavily subsidised by the academy, are delivered for an extensive range of instruments (including voice) and are available to all students wishing to pursue instrumental learning. Lessons cater for the complete beginner through to advanced musicians, and may commence from the point of transition

PE Department

Facilities: Sports hall, netball/basketball courts and use of Wells Street.

Curriculum: In Year 7, 8, 9 students have a double lesson of PE a week. They take part in 4 week activity blocks learning and applying a range of skills within invasions sports, net and wall games, performing at maximum activities, striking and fielding and aesthetic activities. In year 10 and 11 all students continue to have 1 lesson of core PE a week where the focus is on taking part in physical activity as a contribution to their physical, mental and social well-being. Students can also select to take OCR GCSE PE or VCERT Health and Fitness as one of their option subjects.

Extra-Curricular: Netball, Football, Trampolining, Fitness, Table Tennis, Rounders, Cross Country, Cricket, Athletics achieve their potential.