

Creative Arts/Drama Department Information

The Creative Arts Faculty requires a committed and enthusiastic teacher to teach Drama and Dance at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

The Drama department sits alongside Dance, Music, Art, Textiles and Media in the Creative Arts faculty, under the leadership of the Head of Creative Arts. There is currently one teacher of Dance/Drama, three teachers of Music, one of Media/Drama/STEAM and three teachers of Art/Textiles.

The successful candidate will enjoy teaching Drama in a supportive and well-resourced department and must be prepared to contribute fully to the life of a busy department and faculty. This includes ensuring an 11-16 curriculum linking KS3 to new GCSE and BTEC specifications planning and implementation, offering opportunities for our extensive extracurricular programme and inspiring all students to develop a love of learning and thinking creatively.

The current curriculum is designed to inspire and engage, laying the foundations on which KS4 knowledge and skills will be built. The resources to support the schemes of work will reflect those we have developed and continue to develop. In keeping with the topical and dynamic nature of the subject we continually seek to adapt and create new material. Drama is taught in mixed ability classes at KS3 with students having lessons once a fortnight for Year 7, 8 and 9.

In Year 7 topics include: Hard working fun with development of fundamental performance skills, knowledge and application of drama techniques through storytelling and exploring Dance styles and culture from around the world. In Year 8 topics include: Physical Theatre with a focus on Frantic Assembly, exploring and creating in different learning styles and a performance project. In Year 9 topics include: exploration of practitioners, Theatre in Education and a collaboration of all Creative Arts departments in term 3 where students will respond to a brief.

At GCSE Drama next year there will be 1 class in Year 10 and 1 in Year 11. We currently offer AQA GCSE Drama (new spec). Results are good usually around 60% 9-4. We are currently focussing on the progress made by our lower attaining students and boys, and how we can ensure all students can access the challenge of GCSE Drama.

Key Stage 4 Dance is delivered through the BTEC TECH Award in Dance and next year we will have 1 class in Year 10 and 2 Classes in Year 11. Results are excellent and have not only sat in the top results for the school for the last few years, but nationally our results sit in the top 10% of all centres who deliver the course.

We offer an extensive extracurricular programme which we are always looking to grow, develop and build on new ideas. We currently offer daily rehearsals for the school musical during tutor time and a Year 9 Dance club, as well as delivering after school KS3 and KS4 Dance for fun, Elite and Junior Dance Academies, KS3 and KS4 Drama club, Musical Theatre Club for our School Production and Street Dance. As part of our Creative Arts Primary Academy (CAPA) programme we provide a weekly after school training session in both a junior and elite academy dance structure with nearly 60 students involved and have more recently developed a Drama programme as well, which is growing more each year. This is all part of our primary partnership where there are annual productions.

We have a fully equipped black box drama studio with the ability to have a theatre that seats an audience of 240 and a dance studio with 2 complete walls of mirrors, a ballet barre and black curtains to fill the entire room. Both rooms are also fully fitted with SMART boards, apple TVs, surround sound, teacher computers and all students have an iPad.

We look forward to welcoming a new member staff who can develop and share innovative ideas in a successful and enthusiastic department.



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