



The Arts & Cultural Education Policy

Rationale

The arts and cultural education are a very important aspect of school life for our pupils, most of whom live in small communities without access to a wide range of arts and cultural opportunities. We seek to provide a wide variety of opportunities for our pupils to learn about and experience the arts because we believe that a high quality arts education promotes creativity, originality, self-confidence and the ability to work collaboratively for learners of all backgrounds and abilities. The arts and cultural education are also a very important link between the school and its wider community.

Principles

- 1 We aim for high attainment in arts and cultural education subjects.
- 2 We provide our pupils with a wide range of opportunities to study the arts and cultural education at KS3 / KS4 and KS5.
- 3 We promote a high level of collaborative work between arts and cultural education subjects.
- 4 We extend arts teaching methods across the curriculum in order to enhance learning in all subjects.
- 5 We use the arts to provide a focus for our community, including primary feeder schools / special schools / TSA secondary schools and post-16 providers.
- 6 We provide a high quality learning environment for the arts and cultural education.
- 7 We work closely with artists and regional arts organisations

Practice

- 1 All art subjects use baseline prior attainment data to set targets for pupils at each key stage.
- 2 Regular feedback, including assessment, is used to inform pupils of their progress and tell them how they can improve.
- 3 ICT, audio and video techniques are used in arts areas to enhance teaching and learning and as an aid to peer and self-assessment.
- 4 Arts and cultural education subjects work together on specific projects, targeting different age and ability groups.
- 5 Arts and cultural education subjects appear in different option blocks in KS4 and post-16 option systems to enable pupils to combine arts subjects.
- 6 A wide range of GCSE, BTEC and A Level qualifications are available across KS4 and KS5.
- 7 Outstanding arts and cultural education accommodation including the Harlequin Theatre, the Drama Studio, Studio 26 and the Recital Room. This provides fantastic specialist arts performance, rehearsal and exhibition space.
- 8 Arts and cultural education subjects and projects are used as ways to provide community links at every opportunity.
- 9 Many professional artists visit to perform and provide workshops for students on a regular basis.
- 10 High quality performances are a feature of the arts and cultural education and the work of students has a high profile.