



Curriculum Overview

Subject: Performing Arts

Performing Arts creates a platform for young people at Osborne School to develop performance skills, confidence and social skills. It also gives them the opportunity to work on their individual speech and language needs including delivery, understanding of language and using social language in situations including role play.

We work to achieve a fully inclusive approach to performance, including all students in all school shows and giving them the opportunity to take part in National Events such as Shakespeare Schools Festival, Rock Challenge, Music for Youth and the Shine Media Awards.

We have seen a huge impact on pupils through their participation in various Performing Arts activities, courses or events. Most notably, students show a unification and have shown themselves to be supportive, caring and encouraging young people. We believe that by creating a level platform where everyone has the same high levels of expectation, students excel in their confidence, the management of their own behavior and emotions and their own self-regulation.

We have also seen a positive impact, development of relationships and a feeling of belonging within the community by taking part in events such as Rock Challenge and Shakespeare Schools Festival. It is a privilege to see the pupils on stage with their mainstream peers, where they have carved a respected reputation in the local community.

Key Stage 3:

At KS3, Drama is embedded within the English curriculum. Students work on units which aim to enable them to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the artistic practice of drama. Students create and develop a range of roles in scripted texts, responding to other roles within the text and analysing characters and themes. Students improvise, devise and script drama for a range of audiences as well as rehearse and respond to their own practice and that of others.

Music is taught as a discrete subject, delivered by Hampshire Music Service. Each class has an allocated lesson which is delivered by a Music Specialist. Students can also choose to be part of our award-winning school band 'Rubiks Cube', who have recently won the national final for Music for Youth. They will be performing at the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in November.

Dance and movement are taught through students' involvement in the school shows and through engagement with extracurricular activities such as Rock Challenge. Students take

part in two shows per school year, where they are taught explicit dance skills as well as acting skills, performance skills and building on their social skills, communication and confidence

Key Stage 4/5:

As a discrete subject, Performing Arts is offered as an Option at KS4 and 5. Students can continue their learning across the Key Stages, embedding and refining their skills by progressing from Entry Level to Level 1 BTEC courses where appropriate. Students who choose Performing Arts will study units surrounding improving performance skills and taking part in a performance. Skills in devising, improvising, rehearsal, collaborative working, musicality, acting skills, characterisation, voice projection and confidence in the performance space are a focus. Students also take part in several workshops to develop their skills and spark interest for further learning. Examples of these are Sherbourne Movement, Sensory storytelling, music making with everyday objects, drumming, Bollywood dance, Contemporary dance and Street dance. Students working at Level 1 will have a bespoke course depending on the cohort of students. Units will be chosen to suit their needs and skills.

Students for whom the BTEC route is not appropriate, will gain ASDAN qualifications (Expressive Arts Short Course or ASDAN Life Skills Challenge). ASDAN Short Course units include 'create, perform, present', 'working in the arts', 'explore' and 'appreciate, applaud and review'.

Accreditation:

- BTEC Performing Arts Entry Level 3
- BTEC Performing Arts Level 1
- ASDAN Short Course Award 'Expressive Arts'
- ASDAN Life Skills Challenge Units.