

Expressive Arts

Art & Design, Drama, Music, Music Technology, Photography



Art & Design

You will develop your creative, social and analytical skills through individual and group work. You will first build skills of observational drawing, followed by design skills which will lead in to the use of Photoshop and Graphic Design. You will then create 3D work through using materials such as clay, wire, and various fabrics. In addition to these practical skills, you will also develop a secure knowledge of Art and Design concepts through studying the Art movements of the past 100 years and experimenting with these styles and techniques in your own work.

Drama

You will develop skills in creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and reflective practice. Through Drama, you will communicate your thoughts, develop knowledge and understanding of drama practice, and explore social and cultural influences. Within the Drama course, you will experience the areas of Characterisation, Dramatic Tension, Dramatic Focus and Time, Place and Space, Staging, Lighting, Dance Drama, Exploration of a text, Documentary Drama, and Mime. Drama will stimulate your imagination and give you a greater awareness of yourself and others, in addition to helping you gain self-confidence and communication skills.

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Music

You will develop skills in communication, creativity and evaluating through the three main elements of the Music course which are Performing, Composing and Listening. You will be given an opportunity to select two instruments from Keyboard, Voice, Drum kit, Guitar, Bass Guitar and Glockenspiel and will work with the rest of the class to prepare performances of a selection of pieces. You will also be given the opportunity to evaluate your own and one another's performances. In addition, you will create your own music using our music ICT software. You will also experience a wide range of music through studying music from the past 500 years, as well as relevant historical and cultural developments. This will link in to exploring the relevant musical concepts that the pieces contain.

Music Technology

This course will interest you if you are interested in or considering a career in live sound engineering, recording, music for TV, Foley, film or radio. You will focus on correct microphone technique, multitrack recording (in both Reaper and Protools), history of recording (from 1900 onwards), popular genres, fault finding, and copyright law.

Although you will not be expected to perform on an instrument, you should have a good understanding of current bands/artists/genres and a creative mind with a willingness to explore your ideas.

Typical final projects include:

- recording a band
- arranging sounds for film
- creating a radio broadcast

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Photography

This course will give you the opportunity to develop skills in Digital Photography. You will first learn the basic skills in taking manual photographs as well as analysing the work of professionals. You will learn how to operate a Digital SLR camera and how to utilise its functions in different lighting conditions. You will develop your skills in the use of artificial lighting through studio photography shoots. As the course progresses you will gain skills in both taking photographs and editing them using specialist software. You will also have the opportunity to take photographs in a range of different environments as you begin to create photo shoots that are related to your own interests.