

The Performing Arts Department at Durrington

The Performing Arts department is a strong, versatile and creative team incorporating music and drama. Both are popular with students, with a good uptake at key stage 4, and have a history of success. Drama students gained 89% A*-C last year with 41% gaining an A/A*, Music gained 83% A*-C with 28% gaining an A/A*.

Our work in the curriculum lies at the heart of all we do, students are encouraged to create, perform and evaluate to the highest standard from the very start of year 7 all the way through to GCSE lessons. A particular strength of the Drama department is the standard of performance work from our students with all students performing every lesson.

The team is busy throughout the year leading on a wide range of enrichment opportunities including KS3 Drama club, Rock Challenge and musical productions. Recent large scale musical productions include 'Les Miserables' and 'Beauty and the Beast' with students from all year groups performing at an outstanding level, this year will see the performance of 'Oliver!'. Year 10 GCSE Drama students always put on a class production at the start of year 10 so that they are aware of the standard expected and these are always well received; this year students looked at 3 national connections pieces; The Monstrum, Musical Differences and What Are They Like.

Our facilities are excellent and include 2 music rooms with practice rooms and a computer suite, 2 large drama studios, a dance and drama studio and a brand new performing arts facility with new keyboards, theatre lighting and sound. Our resources support the team's cutting edge approach to students' experiences - both within and beyond the classroom.

We are always looking to raise standards and stay on top of new initiatives and are looking for someone with high expectations, along with the potential and energy, to help the team improve even further. We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and outstanding practitioner who can maintain the high standards we have in lessons whilst adding to our programme of extra-curricular enrichment activities.

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