

# Drama & Music

Head of Performing Arts – Mr R Harper

## Topics of Study This Year:

Pupils have one lesson of Drama and Music per week. Students will explore a mixture of differing genres and specific skills required to perform within these constraints. Performing Arts subjects enable students to express themselves in a practical way developing essential social skills required across the curriculum.

## Drama

### Term 1

- **Bugsy Malone**

Explore the tongue in cheek Gangster story and perform scenes showing pupils ability to create believable characters.

- **Exploring Melodrama**

Pupils will be experimenting with devising melodramatic performances as well as writing their own scripts.

### Term 2

- **WW1 and WW2**

Pupils will explore one of most difficult moments in British History and try to imagine what it must have been like during the wars.

- **Macbeth**

Bringing Shakespeare into the 21st Century and exploring one of his most famous plays in a new and interesting way.

### Term 3

- **Dreams**

Exploring non-naturalistic dramatic techniques to create abstract and 'dream' like performances allowing pupils to explore their creativity.

- **Performance Skills**

Developing pupils ability to create effective characters and successful performances taking on board new and innovative ideas.

## Music

### Term 1

- **Chromatic notes**

Extend your knowledge of notation and Perform Beethoven's Fur Elise in your own way

- **Samba**

Use the instruments and rhythms of Brazil in a group percussion composition/performance

### Term 2

- **Musical Journey**

Explore how composers have interpreted a journey through music before trying yourself

- **Uke Blues**

Learn about the origins of blues and create a blues piece on the ukulele.

### Term 3

- **Variations**

Create something of your own using an existing musical idea

- **Horror Music**

Learn about musical devices common in the genre of Horror and create a piece of music for a Horror film.

## Assessments:

At the end of each half term there is a formative assessment. However, work will also be self-assessed, peer assessed and teacher assessed throughout the year. There is an end of year report and review.

## Homework:

Drama and Music is set in-line with school policy, every two weeks.

## Other Useful Information:

We offer extra-curricular opportunities, please see your teacher for this information.

Visiting Peripatetic Tutors also offer one-to-one and group lessons (please see Mrs Wild for details).