



# Performing Arts Learning Area

## Welcome to an overview of the Performing Arts Learning Area

I am Mr Watson, the Head of Learning Area for Performing Arts. We have six full time staff, fourteen part-time peripatetic teachers and a music administrator working in our Learning Area, which is housed at the centre of the academy.

**The Drama Department** makes use of the Auditorium, which is fully equipped with lights and sound for our productions, and the Drama Studio which is also equipped with sound and lighting.

**The Music Department** has four dedicated classrooms, including an up to date Mac suite, six practice rooms and a sixth-form composition room/studio.

## Curriculum

In Years 7 and 8, we teach Music and Drama to all students for one hour a week.

In Years 9 to 11, students can elect to study Music and/or Drama. At GCSE students may follow the AQA syllabus in Music and EDUQAS in Drama, or the Pearson BTEC in Performing Arts or Music Practice.

In Years 12 and 13 at A Level, students follow the AQA syllabus for Music and the EDEXCEL syllabus in Drama and Theatre.

Our students perform very well in public examinations, recent highlights being the value-added scores at GCSE of 1.29 in Music and 1.68 in Drama.

In Years 7 and 8 students are taught in mixed ability groups with eight classes across the year group. We assess students through a variety of methods which include practical assessment and formal exam assessment.

Homework is set at least once every five lessons.

For a detailed overview of the curriculum offer in the Performing Arts Learning Area, please see our curriculum maps.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

The learning area offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities including:

- Whole School Production
- Monologue Slam
- Senior Band
- Junior Band
- Senior Choir
- Junior Choir
- Steel Pans
- Samba
- School of Rock
- Jazz Band



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An impressive number of students, having studied Music and/or Drama from Year 7 through to Year 13 at Mossbourne Community Academy, have taken up places to study Music or Drama at top conservatoires and universities.

## **The Individual Learning Programme (ILP)**

Individual music lessons, heavily subsidised by the academy, are delivered for an extensive range of instruments (including voice) and are available to all students wishing to pursue instrumental learning. Lessons cater for the complete beginner through to advanced musicians, and may commence from the point of transition.