



Expressive Arts

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Parent/Teacher
Factsheet

*It's all about
the making!*



Expressive Arts is an incredibly creative subject. It is all about expressing yourself through the 5 pathways and creating a piece of artwork that is new and different. Will you dance in it? Will you play music in it? Will you write the script for it? Will you sing in it? What will you do? It's about taking an idea and developing it into a final piece and choosing your own pathways.

What will I be doing in lessons?

You can explore all five pathways of Expressive Arts over the course, studying a minimum of three overall. These are:

Drama

Dance

Music

Art & Design

Creative Writing

What do you think you would specialise in? Where are your strengths? What are your skills? You choose!

This course is about students having enthusiasm for the subject and a passion for the 'arts'. Students will need to have a willingness to explore the way they use these art forms in order to create a product which combines them. Exploration and trying out ideas is the key to success on this course.

Assessment Requirements

Unit A691: Working in Response to the Study of the Artworks by Practitioners (30% Teacher assessed)

Unit A692: Working in Response to a Stimulus (30% Teacher assessed)

Unit A693: Working in Response to a Community Context (40% Visiting Examiner Assessed)

The three units are made up of both a performance and a written log book. The log books are produced in a 'creative' mixed media fashion and document the development of the project. Basically, they are art forms themselves and act as diary/journal of how the project developed. The process is as important as the product. Your final mark doesn't just rely on how amazing the final performance is. If you can document the development of the project and create the logbooks of the creative process then you can succeed in this subject.

Why should I study this course?

The skills you learn over the duration of the course are amazing – you'll learn to project manage an idea from concept to creation, how to work in a group, leadership skills, creative thinking, interpersonal skills, how to evaluate and make decisions and so much more. All these skills can be connected so easily to other subjects and jobs in later life. This course is a great stepping stone for any Creative or Performing Arts courses at Sixth Form or in Further Education.

Expressive Arts is more than just making a performance – it's about putting forward ideas, trialing them out and developing those ideas to create a new, exciting piece of theatre. The role you take during that process is where the magic happens – for example, one student could choose the 'Dance' and 'Music' artforms whereas another student may choose the 'Art & Design' and 'Drama'. You then put those ideas together in a group and what a team they would make. They would create lots of new ideas and have a great time working together – the end product would be amazing!

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