

Performing Arts



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Performing Arts lessons at Cardinal Newman Catholic School explore the subject through a variety of exciting and engaging schemes of learning that foster transferable skills to set students up to confidently progress to the world of Higher Education and work in any field. Students will develop their communication skills and build confidence working in groups to produce performances.

Year 7 Performing Arts Schemes of Learning

In Year 7, we cover a range of topics from introducing them to Performance skills such as still image and vocal skills, to scripted Pantomime performances and exploring devising of Harry Potter. In Music some of the topics students explore Hip– Hop, Musical Instruments and Chords.

Overall, we want Year 7 students to develop their performance skills which can help with confidence and team work.

Most importantly, we want the students to enjoy themselves!

Key Stage 3

Year 7: 2x 60 minute lesson per fortnight
(Drama & Music)

Year 8: 1x 60 minute lesson per week of Drama
1x60 minute lesson per fortnight of Music

Year 9 (Option): 3x 60 minute lessons termly on a carousel
for a term in Music, Drama and Production Arts

GCSE

3x 60 minute practical lessons per fortnight

1x 60 minute theory lesson per fortnight

A-Level

Year 12 8x 60 minute lessons per fortnight

Year 13 10x60 minute lesson per fortnight

What is Performing Arts?

Performing Arts is the study of Acting, Theatre roles , Production Arts (design skills) and Music.



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Why is Performing Arts important?

Performing Arts lessons will help you learn transferable skills that can be used in all your other subjects such as communication, group work and public speaking. Exploring a number of different topics through role play, instruments and performance will be exciting and engaging.

Extra-Curricular

Drama Club: A weekly lunch time club where you can make new friends from all year groups in KS3. Students will work towards a termly performance.

Shakespeare Schools Festival: A weekly lunchtime and after school club, rehearsing a Shakespeare play to perform in March 2024 at The Grove Theatre in Dunstable.

School Shows and Theatre Trips: We like to give our students the opportunity to attend trips throughout their time at Cardinal Newman. This can include going to the theatre to watch shows in The West End. Towards the end of the academic year, we put together a whole school musical production where students from Drama club can take part and have fun performing, rehearsing and making friends with their peers from other year groups in the school.

Choir & Orchestra: Both are a great opportunity for students who like to sing or play instruments. Mr Carter annually takes the Choir to Luton Airport at Christmas, which is fun and exciting for all involved. This has been received very well by the general public.

What students say:

"Performing Arts helps you make new friends"

"Performing Arts helped build my confidence"