





**KS3 Curriculum Intent for Performing Arts at
Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy**

	<p><u>Overall Aim of subject</u></p> <p>The aim of performing arts is to give pupils an opportunity to develop their understanding of music and drama. The subjects aim to develop pre-existing performing arts skills for those who currently have or have previously had lessons or involvement in performing arts.</p>
	<p>Performing Arts will teach spiritual development by ensuring pupils feel safe in the environment to devise and perform. Pupils support one another and develop their skills together.</p>
	<p>Performing Arts will teach social excellence through the use of team skills and individual development. Being role models to one another during performance and rehearsal. Encouraging one another.</p>
	<p>Performing Arts will teach academic excellence by developing key knowledge, appraisal skills, devising and composing skills and performance skills.</p>
<p>Enrichment opportunities in this subject include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama club • Christmas Carol Concert • Summer variety show • Remembrance performance 	

Key Stage 3 Course description

Year 7

In year 7 pupils will learn the key techniques and features of music and drama. How this can be built into performances, the devising/composing of own pieces and the ability to appraise professional performances.

Units studied in year 7:

Drama

- Introduction to drama
- Using scripts
- World War 1 Soldiers

Music

- Programme Music
- Notation
- Keyboard skills

Year 8

In year 8 pupils build on their knowledge from year 7 by adding more complex techniques and performance skills in both music and drama.

Units studied in year 8:

Drama

- Melodrama and Pantomime
- War Horse
- Soap Operas

Music

- Jazz and Blues
- Horror Music
- World Music

Year 9

In year 9 pupils continue to build on their knowledge from year 7 and 8 by adding more complex techniques and performance skills in both music and drama.

Units studied in year 9:

Drama

- Romeo and Juliet
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre in Education

Music

- Film Music
- Rap
- Protest Songs

Assessments

Pupils have music and drama once per fortnight, meaning a 6-week scheme of work lasts per term. Pupils will therefore have a formal assessment at the end of each term. Pupils complete a self or peer assessment each lesson. Lessons also comprise of verbal feedback throughout to support ongoing progress.

Ways to help my child succeed

- Support with homework
- Encourage conversation on topics learnt
- Trips to live performances
- Where children play instruments – encourage practice

Useful websites

Bitesize – Music - [KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize](#)

Bitesize – Drama - [GCSE Drama - BBC Bitesize](#)

National Theatre Live - [National Theatre Live | Official website | Filmed live theatre \(ntlive.com\)](#)

Classic FM - [Classic FM - The World's Greatest Music](#)