

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Curriculum at Dean Trust Ardwick allows pupils to experience a broad and balanced curriculum of Music Drama and Dance. Our state-of-the-art facilities are the perfect place to allow pupils to explore their creativity whilst benefiting from the transferable skills that Performing Arts provide.

At KS3, Performing Arts is taught once a week throughout the school year with pupils being encouraged to achieve academic and vocational excellence.

Year 7

In Year 7 the curriculum is designed to introduce pupils to the core skills in a ranges of performance styles and disciplines. The comprehensive curriculum programme includes topics such as:

- **Melodrama** – Learning how to create exaggerated stories and characters that are different to yourself, through the use of vocal and physical skills.
- **The Pied Piper of Hamelin** – Developing a deep understanding of various drama techniques to explore this famous tale.
- **Music ABC** – Learning the basics of music theory through small group and class activities in order to create the foundations for developing practical skills
- **African Music**- Beginning with a class choir, pupils will learn a traditional African song that they will then turn into their own performance in groups using African Djembe drums.
- **Musical Theatre Skills** - Ensemble singing and movement, based on specific musical theatre works.
- **Revoluting Rhymes** – Bringing Roald Dahl's tales to life in a whole class performance piece, using a range of new drama techniques and skills.

Year 8

The curriculum in Year 8 is designed so that pupils will revisit cores skills and deepen their understanding and knowledge. Topics include:

- **Melodrama** – Learning how to create exaggerated stories and characters that are different to yourself, through the use of vocal and physical skills.
- **Theatre In Education** – Developing knowledge of a range of new drama techniques and using them to create a performance piece that will educate a specific audience about a current issue.
- **Music for Adverts**- Revising the musical elements from Year 7 then applying them to a short piece of music that will sell a product
- **Music for Films**- What makes a good film score? Learning a variety of famous film scores on the keyboards (or an instrument they are skilled at) and using the musical elements to choose how best to perform it/record it.
- **Musical Theatre Skills** - Ensemble singing and movement, based on specific musical theatre works.
- **Our Day Out** – Exploring Willy Russell's play, using a range of performance techniques and skills.

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Year 9

The Year 9 curriculum is designed to refine the skills learned in Years 7 and 8. Pupils will further develop these skills in order to prepare for the KS4 curriculum.

- **Melodrama** – Exploring how to create exaggerated stories and characters that are different to yourself, through the use of vocal and physical skills.
- **Theatre In Education** – Developing knowledge of a range of new drama techniques and using them to create a performance piece that with educate a specific audience about a current issue.
- **Now That's What I Call Music** – Mastering then recording a pop/rock song on the keyboards and adding additional musical elements to it using music software.
- **Cover Version** – Using the song they have mastered in the previous unit, pupils will now create their own version of it by manipulating the musical elements and performing it in ensembles.
- **Musical Theatre Skills** - Ensemble singing and movement, based on specific musical theatre works.
- **Thematic Performance Project** - Pupils will use the wide range of skills they have gained and developed since year seven to devise a performance piece based on a given theme.

Extra-Curricular

Our state-of-the-art facilities are a perfect place for pupils to experience and enjoy extra-curricular activities. Pupils have the opportunity to attend in order to further develop their skills and perform in our various showcases and performances throughout the year.

Extra- Curricular activities include:

- Show Choir.
- Keyboard Club.
- Woodwind Club
- Band Rehearsals (Guitar, Bass, Drums & Keyboard).
- Dance Club.
- 'Westenders' – Musical Theatre club
- Shakespeare Production – 'Macbeth'

This year will see our very first full scale Musical Theatre production at Dean Trust Ardwick – A very exciting prospect! Watch this space!

Overview of Academic Year 2017-18

YEAR 7 PERFORMING ARTS					
HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
DRAMA: <i>Melodrama</i>	DRAMA: <i>The Pied Piper</i>	MUSIC: <i>Music ABC</i>	MUSIC: <i>African Music</i>	DRAMA/DANCE/MUSIC: <i>Musical Theatre Skills</i>	DRAMA: <i>Revolting Rhymes</i>

YEAR 8 PERFORMING ARTS					
HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
DRAMA: <i>Melodrama</i>	DRAMA: <i>Theatre In Education</i>	MUSIC: <i>Music for Adverts</i>	MUSIC: <i>Music for Films</i>	DRAMA/DANCE/MUSIC: <i>Musical Theatre Skills</i>	DRAMA: <i>Our Day Out</i>

YEAR 9 PERFORMING ARTS					
HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
DRAMA: <i>Melodrama</i>	DRAMA: <i>Theatre In Education</i>	MUSIC: <i>Now That's What I Call Music</i>	MUSIC: <i>Cover Version</i>	DRAMA/DANCE/MUSIC: <i>Musical Theatre Skills</i>	<i>Thematic Performance Project</i>