



The Oakwood
Academy

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

The Expressive Arts Faculty brings together Art, Music, and Drama to provide students with a vibrant, well-rounded creative experience.

Music offers high-quality provision at both KS3 and KS4, with peripatetic lessons available to all students and a recent move to BTEC Music supported by the Trust Director. Teaching and learning are further enhanced through excellent equipment, including a recent investment in Mac computers. Co-curricular in Music includes a weekly choir, band club, open mic club and trip opportunities such as Nottingham Orchestra.

Art continues to be a highly popular subject across KS3 and KS4, achieving consistent results and benefiting from strong Trust level support. Students enjoy regular trips that broaden their artistic understanding and value the opportunity to work within dedicated Art studios. Co-curricular includes mastery workshops with Trust Director, an annual Key Stage 4 trip to locations such as Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Key Stage 3 opportunities such as gallery visits.

Drama delivers an established and engaging KS3 curriculum, with the current Year 10 cohort now following the Edexcel GCSE Drama course. Historically, Drama results have been strong, and uptake for co-curricular opportunities such as visits from industry professionals and theatre trips has remained high. Co-curricular includes school productions, residential to London and local opportunities such as "Play in Day" for DNA with Quirky Bird Theatre Company.

Across all three disciplines, the faculty maintains a shared ethos of creativity, vibrancy, energy, and enrichment, ensuring students receive a dynamic and enriching expressive arts education.

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