



Matravers School Performing Arts

Performing Arts at Matravers

The Performing Arts make a highly valued contribution to the curriculum and learning experience of pupils at Matravers, a legacy of the school's former Arts College specialist school status. Music, Dance and Drama all enjoy bespoke curriculum time throughout Key Stage 3 and Performing Arts options in KS4 and the Sixth Form are popular with a number of our pupils. At Matravers, it is recognised that the Performing Arts play a unique and valued role in developing creativity and other transferable skills for all pupils, in addition to the specialist skills within each subject. The impact of the Performing Arts extends beyond the curriculum through the offer of high quality co-curricular opportunities, including an annual school production (a real highlight of the school calendar), partnerships with national companies, theatre and concert visits and a range of 'in-house' clubs, companies and ensembles.

The Performing Arts departments are all well-resourced, with access to purpose-built facilities including specialist music classrooms as well as dance and drama studios. Furthermore, there are music practice rooms and a recording studio. Additionally, the main school theatre is used for performances complete with stage, lighting rig, technical booth and raked seating. Each subject team has access to a range of subject-specific resources and a qualified technician who supports curriculum delivery, examination requirements and public performances.

Music Department

Curricular Provision

The current Music curriculum is varied and dynamic, offering pupils opportunities to develop their skills of performing, creating, and listening to music from a wide range of styles and traditions. The challenge embedded within the schemes of work is developmental, preparing the pupils for high order thinking and increasingly demanding learning experiences as their music studies progress.

At Key Stage 3 pupils follow a varied programme of study including the development of performance and compositional skills, informed by access to a range of instruments and the study of professional music repertoire.

At Key Stage 4 pupils follow the Pearson BTEC Tech Award Music specification.

At Key Stage 5 pupils follow the Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Music specification.

At Matravers, we constantly review the curriculum offer to ensure that it is well-matched to the pupils' abilities, enabling them to successfully develop high quality subject specific and transferable skills as well as exam success.

Co-Curricular Provision

The Music department is proud to offer a range of co-curricular opportunities, including choirs and instrumental groups, in addition to student-led bands and ensembles. The annual Young Musician of the Year and Christmas Concert are both real highlights of the performing arts calendar. The school choirs are also particularly active in the local community, regularly performing at a range of events during the school year, which has contributed to a strong reputation for Music at Matravers.