



RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL



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Performing Arts Faculty

Welcome to Rainhill High School's Performing Arts Faculty. We are an ambitious, experienced and hardworking team and over time have built up a high performing faculty that is a successful and thriving part of Rainhill Media Arts College

Faculty Aims

The Performing Arts Faculty aims to:

- Promote an enjoyment of learning, where pupils are encouraged to become independent, multi-skilled learners that consistently achieve highly.
- To stimulate and maintain pupil interest in all Arts subjects, taking into account preferred learning styles and multiple intelligences.
- To develop pupils' ability to communicate, through performance and creativity, at all levels, using appropriate strategies to address different audiences and purposes.
- To maximize the achievement of pupils in the Performing Arts at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 against national and locally agreed benchmarked targets.
- To promote good citizenship by incorporating performance and creative skills and issues into all our schemes of work across all Key Stages.
- Employ a range of teaching techniques providing equal opportunities to all students.
- To be a national beacon of excellence for Performing Arts Education.

Facilities

The Performing Arts subjects have dedicated specialist classrooms and studios in dedicated parts of the school. The Mike Doyle Arts Centre contains 3 performing arts studios, music practice room and communal ICT area. All rooms have a computer, sound equipment and interactive whiteboard for teachers and the school has several ICT suites as well as laptop/iPad banks that are available to book for student use. We also have a Media Arts Technician to support curriculum and school events.

Staffing

Katie McCann	Head of Performing Arts Faculty and Dance Teacher
Louise Aylward	Teacher of Dance, Assistant Headteacher & Head of Vocational Education
Claire Haselden	Dance Teacher
Michelle Speers	Drama Teacher
Sophie Renison	Drama Teacher
<i>Vacancy</i>	Music Teacher

The Faculty structure is led by the Head of Faculty.

Curriculum

Key Stage 3

Students follow a three year Key Stage 3 curriculum pathway, choosing their option subjects in Year 9. Performing Arts is taught as a carousel, allowing students time to study each aspect of the subject at greater depth.

Key Stage 4

Every child in the school has to study either a visual, media or performing arts to GCSE or equivalent. The Faculty offers Drama and Music as full Course GCSE courses, Dance is offered as BTEC course.

Key Stage 5

The Faculty offers A Level and Vocational courses in Theatre Studies, Music and Dance.

2019 Examination Performance

	GCSE/BTEC/NCFE		A LEVEL/BTEC		ALPS
Drama/Theatre Studies	9-7	20%	A*-B	62.5%	3
	9-4	95%	A*-C	100%	
Dance	D*/D	34%	D*-D	30%	3
	D*-P	89%	D-P	100%	
Music	D*/D	8.3%	A*-B	n/a	n/a
	D*-P	100%	A*-C	n/a	

Music Department Examinations Specifications

Edexcel GCSE Music

Student Numbers (2019)

<u>Key Stage 4</u>	<u>Student Numbers</u>			<u>Key Stage 5</u>	<u>Student Numbers</u>	
Drama	Y11	Y10	Y9	Drama	Y12	Y13
	20	31	26		4	8
Dance	Y11	Y10	Y9	Dance	Y12	Y13
	36	28	39		13	13
Music	Y11	Y10	Y9	Music	Y12	Y13
	12	n/a	n/a		0	0

Arts Academy

As part of our mission for excellence in arts provision within the 6th Form College we created the Arts Academy. The purpose of the Arts Academy is to support our best performing, visual and media arts students gain places at the most prestigious and highly competitive Universities and Conservatoires in the country. The Arts Academy offers unique experiences that will enhance their UCAS application, giving it “the edge” that will place them head and shoulders above their competitors. Since its inception, the Arts Academy has built a reputation of getting students onto the most sought after Performing, Media and Visual Arts degree courses in the UK. Our

Performing Arts students have gone on to gain places on degree courses at Arts Educational, Bird College, Italia Conti, CPA Studios, Arden Theatre School, LIPA, De Montford University and London Studio Centre, Performers College, Leeds University, Northern Ballet School, Central and Laine Theatre School. We have an alumnus of students who are now working as professional performers and visual artists all over the world. These including students performing in a range of musicals on the West End, travelling the world performing a numerous dance shows and working as technical and production artists in theatres across the North-west.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- KS4 Music Performance Workshop Evening
- Choir
- Youth Theatre Company – KS3, KS4 and KS5
- Youth & Senior Dance Company
- KS4 & KS5 Coursework Clinic
- Band Practice
- Trips and Student Performances in the last 12 months:
 - Anthony Walker Evening
 - New York Residential
 - Everyman and Playhouse Backstage Tour
 - Winter Dance Showcase & Dance Mania Summer Showcase
 - West End Performer workshops
 - Q&A with professional actor
 - Move It Exhibition, London
 - “Hairspray” Trip to Liverpool Empire
 - London Theatre Residential
 - R in the Park
 - “Mary Poppins” Whole School Musical Production
 - “Westside Story” Theatre trip
 - BBC Media City Salford

Youth Theatre Company

The Youth Theatre Company contributes highly the life of the school. The Company rehearses twice a week and creates pieces to be performed at a wide range of school and public events. Performances often take place each term. The Theatre Company also is the foundation of the school’s annual Musical production which is supported by the Music Department. In recent years the students have performed the musicals “Beauty & the Beast”, “Elf”, “Joseph and his Techni-coloured Dreamcoat”, “Grease” and “We Will Rock You” in the schools Arts Theatre to sell out audiences. The Theatre Company also regularly attend trips and workshops across the region to develop their performance skills.