

Performing Arts Department

Staffing

Current staffing within the department comprises:

Mrs Anna Clark	Head of Music and Head of Performing Arts
Mrs Amanda Atkinson	Music Teacher (Part-Time)
Vacancy	Head of Drama
Mrs Joanne Oakes	Teacher of Dance & Drama (Part-Time)

The tradition of performing arts at Weaverham High School is a strong one. Drama is part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum and is available as a GCSE option along with Music and the option of a BTEC in Dance. We believe that Drama is crucial to our pupils' personal development. It supports our young people to develop communication skills, self-confidence as pupils are encouraged to build the foundations for their transition to the modern world of work; where interpersonal and transferable skills are a vital commodity. Drama at Weaverham allows pupils to develop and refine their skills further through study and performance texts, the creation of their own devised work and the study of theatre crafts. GCSE Drama has successfully operated for several years and we are committed to further developing their experiences both in and out of the classroom.

Key Stage 3

Pupils have one lesson per week of Music and Drama in Years 7 and 8 and music alone in Year 9. Dance is also taught in the Key Stage 3 PE curriculum.

Key Stage 4

All options subjects have five lessons per two week cycle. Pupils are able to do more than one performing art within their GCSE options, and many choose to take two or more subjects. Uptake is strong in Music, Drama and Dance. I can assure you that all of these performing arts choices play a central part of our options process.

Extra-Curricular provision

The school has a strong tradition of large numbers of pupils being involved in its extra-curricular provision. This includes a major drama production each year which usually includes singing and dancing elements, an annual Evening of Dance and a Performing Arts Evening. Pupils take part each year in the Shakespeare Festival, and there are a vast number of choral and band opportunities for those pupils who are taking music. These include performances with professional groups. We are keen to continue the extra-curricular opportunities in Dance and recognise there may be additional costs involved.

Facilities

The department has specialist access to a Drama Studio with sprung floor, a small hall with sprung floor, two classrooms and a dedicated computer network room. A group of Year 9 pupils have taken on the challenge of raising money to develop our small hall into a dedicated Dance Studio – they are well on their way and to date have raised over £4,500 – a true sign on our passion and our commitment to this crucial subject.

The Post

You will be responsible for leading the development of Drama in our school, teaching the Year 11 and Year 10 GCSE Drama, as well as some Key Stage 3 Drama.

I trust that you are excited by this post and the opportunities it provides. You will find yourself teaching enthusiastic pupils who are keen to participate in lessons and in the after school opportunities for drama and the wider performing arts.

If you wish to discuss the post further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by e-mail clare.morgan@weaverhamhighschool.com or by telephone contact 01606 855926. Otherwise I look forward to receiving your application by **Monday 24th February 2020**

Clare Morgan
Headteacher

Please note it is the practice of the governing body to take up references of all longlisted candidates. If this presents a problem please make this clear in your application.

All shortlisted candidates will be expected to complete a DBS form as part of the interview process and will need to supply the appropriate documentation.

Please bring with you any three of the following documents:

- passport*
- driving licence*
- birth certificate or certified copy*
- bank statement dated in last 3 months*
- utility bill (not mobile phone) dated in last 3 months*
- letter from Central or Local Government*

plus your national insurance number.

Any queries please see www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service

Please bring originals of any examination certificates and in the case of Newly Qualified Teachers evidence of the Skill Tests you have already passed.