

The Performing Arts Faculty

Staffing

The Faculty currently consists of the Director of Study/Faculty Leader, who is also in charge of Drama/Musical Theatre, a temporary Music/Performing Arts teacher, one Dance/PE teacher, one PE teacher with an additional responsibility within the PE department and four part-time teachers of PE who also teach in other Faculty areas.

KS3

We have recently moved towards an integrated KS3. In Years 7 and 8 pupils study Performing Arts. They receive three lessons a fortnight. This is to be reviewed once we have appointed a successful Music candidate as our curriculum will largely be shaped by their skills and expertise.

Year 9 have separate Music and Drama lessons. They currently receive one per fortnight.

Years 7 and 8 receive three PE lessons a fortnight and two per fortnight in Year 9. Currently, Dance is taught through PE at KS3. This is another curriculum area we will be reviewing in the future.

KS4

We currently offer the following courses at KS4:

GCSE Music

BTEC Technical Award in Performing Arts - Acting

BTEC Technical Award in Performing Arts - Dance

BTEC Technical Award in Performing Arts - Musical Theatre

BTEC First Award in Music (2013, accredited until 2022)

AQA GCSE PE

We regularly review the courses we offer based on the needs and skills of the cohort.

Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular is at the heart of what we do at Fairfield. We currently provide a variety of extra-curricular opportunities but are looking to expand on these in the future. Currently, we offer:

- An annual school musical
- Several Drama clubs
- A Musical Theatre club
- A vocal group
- A Dance club
- Peripatetic music lessons
- Fairfield's Got Talent
- Termly showcases
- Mini performances that support other events in school i.e. autism awareness day, mental health awareness week etc.
- Several sporting clubs that change throughout the year
- Regular theatre trips

We also regularly train for, and compete in, Tameside PE competitions.

Facilities

Many of our facilities were upgraded in 2015.

We have a Black Box style Drama Studio and School Hall with stage that are both equipped with lighting and sound equipment. In addition to this, we have a Music classroom and a Music practice room. The Music classroom is equipped with computers installed with Cubase Elements 9 and MuseScore. We also have access to a range of instruments. (There is scope for the successful candidate to upgrade the Music facilities).

In addition to this, we have a brand new Dance Studio with full-length mirrors, wall mounted ballet bars, a sprung floor and lighting/sound equipment.

We have a full sized Sports Hall, which accommodates a full netball court, basketball court, handball court and volleyball court, along with four full-size badminton courts. We also have use of a concrete MUGA, which accommodates two full-sized netball courts and three tennis courts, along with a large field big enough for one full-sized football pitch.