

E-ACT POLICY

PARKWOOD ACADEMY

ART

Date agreed by Governors	
Date of review	
Responsible officer	Principal / Business Director

ARTS POLICY

Across the Academy our vision is to raise the achievements of all students by having high expectations and standards. We believe consistency and a positive, calm approach are the factors that contribute to a successful Academy. With this in mind we strive to raise student expectations and self – confidence, ensuring that all our young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We believe the Arts in particular can empower our students to develop their self – esteem and confidence, express themselves creatively, learn how to work independently and as a team, and achieve a high level of performance.

The Arts refer to art, dance, drama, music and media. We have a totally inclusive approach to the teaching of the Arts and all students experience a range of Arts, both in and out of Academy hours, whatever their background and ability.

Aims

- To provide all students with a broad and balanced education in the Arts which allows them to investigate values, meaning, attitude and emotions.
- To provide arts experiences that encourage students to develop as independent learners whilst building the team skills required for further study and life.
- To encourage students to think and work creatively therefore developing skills in questioning, appreciation and criticism.
- To raise students' awareness of the role of the Arts in a more general context in terms of society and opportunities open to them in the world of work.

Objectives

We achieve our aims by:

- Providing a structured Arts curriculum in both key stages.
- Making links across the whole curriculum.
- Giving students, at all levels, the opportunity to research, experiment, develop and present for an audience both in and out of Academy hours.
- Encouraging all students to positively evaluate and assess all areas of their work, and of others, therefore enabling them to build on their strengths and weaknesses.
- Sharing student experience and presentation with each other and through wider community.
- Giving students the opportunity to work with outside agencies, therefore developing their skills, awareness and self – confidence.

Access to the Arts

KS3

All students receive one lesson of art, music and drama per week. Students receive dance tuition through the PE curriculum.

KS4

All students can opt for art and dance at GCSE. Music is delivered through the expressive arts GCSE course.

A wide range of extra – curricular activities are offered to all students at lunchtimes and after Academy. These include choir, band, dance and art clubs. Students have the opportunity to present and perform their work during assemblies, open evenings, concerts and general performances.