

**Whitworth Community High School**  
**PERFORMING ARTS Department**

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**Year 8 Learning Overview**

<p><u>Organisation of the classes:</u> Performing Arts is taught in mixed ability groups of approximately 30 pupils. The pupils have one lesson a week and are generally working between grade 1 and grade 3.</p>	
<p><u>Key Concepts</u> Performing Arts in Year 8 is about developing performance skills and applying knowledge of the Performing Arts industry through practical activities. We offer challenges in many disciplines to embed group work and essential social skills.</p>	<p><u>What skills do I use in this subject?</u> Problem Solving, Confidence, Co-operation, Concentration, Creativity, Speaking and listening, Team work, Planning/structuring, Organising, Appreciation, Exploring and communicating ideas, concepts and emotions</p>
<p><u>What will you be learning?</u> Bollywood Dance Flint St Nativity Music Videos Set Design Makeup Design Performance</p>	<p><u>How will you be learning?</u> Individual, Pair and Group based tasks Observation and discussion activities Performance work Design and Create tasks</p>
<p><u>How will your learning be assessed?</u> You will usually be grade assessed on a piece of work towards the end of each half term. Assessment is also on-going within lessons via observation and evaluative discussion in peer and self-assessed activities.</p>	<p><u>Home Learning</u> As per the school Home Learning rota system</p>
<p><u>Equipment needed?</u> Enthusiasm and imagination</p>	<p><u>How can your parents support your learning?</u> Encourage child to take part in extra-curricular activities to further build their confidence and performance skills through experience. Enable your child to visit both professional and amateur theatre productions where possible.</p>
<p><u>SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations</u> Employability skills – Team work, Time Management, Presenting and Interviewing Skills, Thinking on feet, Vocal skills, Personal skills – Confidence, Critical Thinking, Planning, Understanding, Maturity, Sensitivity, Co-operation, Imagination, Beliefs, Values, Consequences, Empathy</p>	<p><u>What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?</u> Weekly Drama Club Full School Musical every year Summer Show Theatre Trips/residentials</p>