



BARTON MANOR SCHOOL – PERFORMING ARTS

Facilities

The Performing Arts Department is currently comprised of Dance and Drama. Each subject has their own space with a large dance studio which has floor to ceiling mirrors across one wall and brand-new changing rooms on the ground floor. The Drama Department uses a black box studio with floor to ceiling curtains surrounding the entire space which are moveable to fit the class needs. Within the Studio there is a lighting rig which can be operated from the Opus machine in the School Hall. The twice-yearly showcases are performed in the School Hall, with tiered seating and the ability to open the space into the Drama Studio with use of the curtains to section off wing space. In addition, there is a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system operated from the technical box situated at the top of the audience seating.

All teaching areas are fully equipped with access to computers, SMART screens and a Bluetooth accessible sound bar. Each room has storage space for costumes, showcase props and any class resources.

Key Stage 3

KS3 (Y7–8) Dance is delivered through two 60-minute lessons per fortnight and Drama through one 60-minute lesson per fortnight, where homework is set every other lesson. We go above that of the national curriculum and offer multiple schemes of work in both subjects, each with a different focus to prepare students for KS4, KS5 and life beyond BMS. Students have the opportunity to learn how to respond to various stimuli, how to develop an effective character and choreograph using the 5 basic dance actions. Students develop their knowledge across the three strands of GCSE; choreography/ devising, performing and appreciation.

Key Stage 4

KS4 (Y9-11) Dance and Drama are both delivered through five 60-minute lessons per fortnight, where homework is set twice. From September 2026, both subjects will be transitioning from BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts to AQA GCSE specifications. Students will develop their knowledge across the three strands of GCSE; choreography/ devising, performing and appreciation within either or both of their selected performing art strand.

Staffing

Staff will be based at Barton Manor School and will work collaboratively with staff at other schools within the Trust and may also share joint performances with Barton Court Grammar School. Leadership roles will naturally develop as the school grows in size and opportunities for further promotion will be readily available.
