

Moate Community School

ARTS POLICY

At Moate Community School we have a commitment to the inclusion approach to the visual and performing arts. In support of this we have a long history of productions and collaboration on innovative and original projects.

The School uses expressive arts and creative arts to develop pupils' aesthetic, creative and physical skills that will lead them to have a lifelong interest in the Arts and to provide a safe, secure learning environment with enjoyment of the Arts at its heart.

Our work is based on the belief that the artist is in everyone and aims:

- To engage with a variety of art forms, to express and explore values and attitudes, feelings and meanings.
- To develop the ability to create, appreciate and make critical judgements about artworks.
- To encourage pupils to work independently and collaboratively to share arts experiences and present artworks to others.
- To develop an understanding of the role of the arts in society.
- To develop young people as imaginative, creative beings with a lifelong interest in the arts;
- To develop skills and confidence in using the languages of the arts to communicate ideas about, and understanding of, their world;
- To develop skills for life and living including citizenship;

The Objectives:

- Provide opportunities for cross curricular work.
- Provide opportunities to develop creativity , enjoyment, self esteem, confidence and maturity through participation in the arts.
- Ensure that all teachers involved in subjects which promote the arts have access to regular continuing professional development that refreshes their own creativity and keeps them up to date with innovative developments in the arts.
- Give pupils opportunities to design and complete artworks in a range of art forms.
- To work with professional artists in collaborative projects.
- Give pupils the opportunity to partake in a musical production once every two years and musical performances throughout the school year.
- Give pupils the opportunity to present their work whether its in music, literature, wood, ceramic, metal, fabric, film, or any other form.
- Provide pupils with the opportunity to appreciate their own work and that of others.

Facilities:

These include:

Choir room, Music rooms, Design and Graphics room, Art room, two Woodwork rooms, Metalwork room, Reading room, Five English rooms, four Home Economic rooms, full size Gymnasium with stage and capacity to hold eight hundred people, sound system, digital cameras, camcorders, photo editing software, film editing software, Solid works 3D software

Many other staff participate in arts activities for instance singing in the choir or performing as musicians in a semi-professional capacity. We employ a wide range of staff in addition to permanent teaching staff for specific purposes for instance musical instrument tuition or choreography. Many are professional artists.

(iii) The Curriculum

All students sample music, technical graphics, art, Metalwork, woodwork and home economics in first year. They also study a variety of literary genre in English.