

<b>Curriculum Rationale</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Performing Arts Training – Year 9 through to Year 13</b>	
	<b>Key Stage 4</b>	<b>Key Stage 5</b>
<p><b>Intent</b></p> <p>Designed for students aged 13 to 19 that have ambitions to pursue a career in the Performing Arts industry.</p> <p>LeAF Studio performing arts training combines the best of focused, vocational learning with excellent academic achievement to equip students with the diverse range of skills required in these highly competitive industries.</p> <p>LeAF Studio performing arts training provides learners with a strong grounding in the arts.</p> <p>Students who attend our vocational training, in addition to their GCSE subjects will experience a broad and varied education; the perfect foundation from which further studies or a career in the Performing Arts can grow.</p> <p>Students of LeAF Stage &amp; Screen will benefit from studying all aspects of Performing Arts in a vocationally relevant and professional environment. They will develop work related skills alongside refining and furthering their ability in other subject areas.</p>		
<p><b>Implementation</b></p> <p>As part of their Performing Arts training, students will have the opportunity to perform in several productions each year, both at LeAF Studio and at professional venues locally and further afield.</p> <p><b>Dance</b></p> <p>Alongside our vocational and academic studies, students also have the option of taking formal dance exams in ballet, tap and contemporary.</p> <p>We are proud to offer many of the following in our dance curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemporary</li> <li>• Ballet</li> <li>• Jazz</li> <li>• Tap</li> <li>• Commercial</li> <li>• Progressive Ballet Technique</li> </ul> <p><b>Drama/Acting</b></p> <p>Students have the opportunity to study for LAMDA exams through peripatetic acting coaching.</p> <p><b>Acrobatic Arts</b></p>		

Acrobatic Arts is offered as an optional training session for our Year 12 & 13 students. Students who opt and successfully gain a place within this session will receive training in a fusion of dance and acrobatics.

Often defined by unique choreography, acro dancers seamlessly blend musicality, emotional expression, line and extension with acrobatic movements in a dance context. Acro is an especially challenging style for dancers to master as training in both dance and acrobatic elements is required. Acro technique includes balancing, limbering, tumbling and partnering, based in flexibility, contortion and strength.

Dancers who train through Acrobatic Arts have balanced development, are stronger, more flexible and fearless. Studios that implement this program will see dancers with more skills, who have fewer accidents, and are less likely to develop chronic injuries.

### **Musical Theatre**

LeAF Stage & Screen students take part in weekly Musical Theatre classes with professional coaches and industry specialists.

Musical Theatre; a form of theatrical performance that combines song, acting and dance is exceptionally popular among our students.

Students are offered a wide range of training within these classes that aims to develop and inspire triple threat performers, ensuring students are versatile and well equipped for the industry of today.

Not only do students gain valuable specialist training within Musical Theatre, students are also able to complete musical theatre units within the BTEC Level 3 qualification (see our Acting or Dance pages for further details).

### **Vocal Coaching**

All students at LeAF Stage and Screen are encouraged and supported to make the most of their voice. We offer a strong foundation in singing and students explore and work on a variety of vocal techniques and skills as well as genres and styles of song. There are many opportunities for our singing students to get extra experience and performance practice both within the school and in the wider community. Students who specialise in singing are able to use their skills to support them in GCSE, A-Level and BTEC Level 3 qualifications.

We also offer private vocal coaching at a discounted rate, allowing students to really hone their skills. For more information about our private tuition, please contact our coaches.

### **Vocational Development Programme**

During Year 12 and 13 students are part of our in-house vocational development programme that supports them through the tough audition process for prestigious universities and colleges.

LeAF Studio students are well supported through personal statement writing, applications and the careful selection of their monologues, songs and dance performance pieces. Our team of highly skilled and qualified staff are dedicated to ensuring our students successes and this is proven in our alumni records.

All training at LeAF Studio is delivered by teachers and coaches who have a high level of experience in their fields and can truly ensure that the delivery is relevant and up to date with the ever changing industry.

### **Impact**

It is expected that students who complete training at LeAF Studio will develop and endorse their skillset in the performing arts to best prepare them for a professional career in the performing arts industry.

Our aim as a department is to ensure when students leave us at the end of Year 13 they have the best opportunity to get into their chosen vocational colleges and universities.

Students who complete their academic courses and vocational training successfully are well prepared for further courses in Dance and/or Performing Arts.

It is expected that the impact of all training offered under the Performing Arts umbrella at LeAF Studio will underpin and endorse the skills and techniques required for successfully completed of our GCSE and BTEC courses.