Cultural Entitlement at The Norwood School

Commitment and Passion

As a Performing and Visual Arts School we are passionate about our commitment to the Arts. Our specialist status enhances teaching and learning across the curriculum and provides exciting, innovative and engaging learning opportunities which convince pupils that learning can be fun and memorable. We know that our commitment to the arts helps foster creative, curious and confident learners who will have an active voice in their own learning and the life of the school. Our students will be well rounded and well prepared for adult life in the modern world.

We are determined to nurture and encourage the creative interests, abilities and unique talents of all pupils. We are proud to use the arts as a tool to create an empowered, empathetic, culturally confident, visually literate and creative school community.

We ensure that we make the most of the world class arts opportunities on our doorstep in London. We are proud of the well established, flourishing working relationships with a number of world renowned organisations including The English National Opera, The Old Vic, The Donmar Warehouse, The Young Vic, Rambert, Laban, The Dulwich Picture Gallery, The Hayward Gallery, Shakespeare’s Globe, The National Theatre, UAL, BIMM London, Ravensbourne Art College and FAD Fashion Futures. We also highly value the links that we have with many local working artists, performers and alumni.

Our creative curriculum plans to accelerate the development of students’ imagination, aspiration, cultural understanding and creative skills. We ensure that all our students have fair access to creative and cultural learning experiences whilst in our care.

We will ensure that your child:

- Has the opportunity to express themselves through the arts.
- Is introduced to skills in a variety of curriculum areas, inc. dance, drama, art, technology, photography, music and digital media.
- Will be taught by passionate, talented, specialist staff in our state of the theatre, workshops and studios.
- Will be given the chance to present and share their work with their families and peers.
- Will attend and support school productions, showcases and exhibitions.
- Will have the opportunity to meet and learn from professional artists and performers.
- Will enjoy performances that celebrate cultural diversity.
- Will learn outside the classroom in a range of cultural settings for example; museums, galleries and theatres.
- Will have the opportunity to participate in additional enrichment as part of our exceptional Bursary Programme.
- Will experience high quality, live professional performances.
- Will be introduced to and learn about a wide range of diverse professional roles and potential career pathways that make up the cultural industries as part of our careers guidance programme.

Families and carers will be encouraged to attend bespoke workshops, family days and performances with our partner arts organisations.