



# YSGOL BRYN ELIAN PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

**MUSIC** is delivered to all pupils at KS3 and as an option at KS4 and KS5. The curriculum is designed to offer pupils a wide ranging and diverse understanding of music styles and genres ranging from Medieval Music through Indonesian Gamelan music to Pop Music. The department is committed to quality provision and creates more opportunities for pupils' year on year. All pupils perform in lessons and many of our more able and talented pupils perform at public events such as the school's annual carol service, the Easter 'Eggstravaganza' and Bryn Elian's Got Talent.



The department runs its own music tuition service offering instrumental and singing lessons to over 125 pupils on a wide variety of instruments from guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano, violin, saxophone, flute, voice, cornet, tenor horn, French horn and tuba. More able pupils' are entered for external music exams such as ABRSM, Rock School and RGT, and attend external groups such as Llandudno Town Brass Band, Only Boys Aloud and the Conwy County Youth Orchestra. Several rock bands have been formed such as 'War on Juliet' and 'The Lamas' and pupils perform regularly at local festivals such as Rudd Fest and Wake Stock.

## **Extra-Curricular Timetable**

A weekly timetable of events is offered to pupils, focusing on improving their skills, which leads to additional performance opportunities for more able and talented pupils. The current timetable is as follows:

# CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



## 2016 - 2017

Monday	Tues day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>PIANO DUET CLUB</b> 2.45 – 3.45PM Music room 1 Year 10 &amp; 11 GCSE Music pupils only</p>		<p><b>‘POP’ CHOIR</b> 2.45 – 3.45pm Music room 2 If you like to sing pop songs and want to perform with others, then come along. Everyone welcome.</p> <p><b>‘BUGSY MALONE’ REHEARSALS</b> Studio 1 and Music room 1 If you would like to be in the school show come along. Everyone welcome.</p>	<p><b>DRAMA CLUB</b> 2.45 – 3.45pm Studio 1 If you would like to learn how to act, then come along. Everyone welcome</p> <p><b>GUITAR CLUB</b> 2.45 – 3.45pm Music room 2 If you would like to learn how to play the guitar, then come along. Everyone welcome.</p> <p><b>SENIOR CHOIR</b> 2.45 – 3.45pm Music room 1 If you like to sing with others and are in Year 9 – 13, then come along.</p>	<p><b>GCSE ROCK BAND</b> 2.45 – 3.45PM Music room 1 Year 10 &amp; 11 GCSE Music pupils only</p> <p><b>KEYBOARD CLUB</b> 2.45 – 3.45pm Music room 2 If you would like to learn to play the keyboard, then come along. Everyone welcome.</p>

## School Choir

The school choir has performed at a diverse range of events from the Colwyn Bay Mayor's 'Shine' event, North Wales Choral Festival coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and the AT Charity Ball at Chester Racecourse hosted by Louise Minchin from BBC Breakfast.



## School Productions

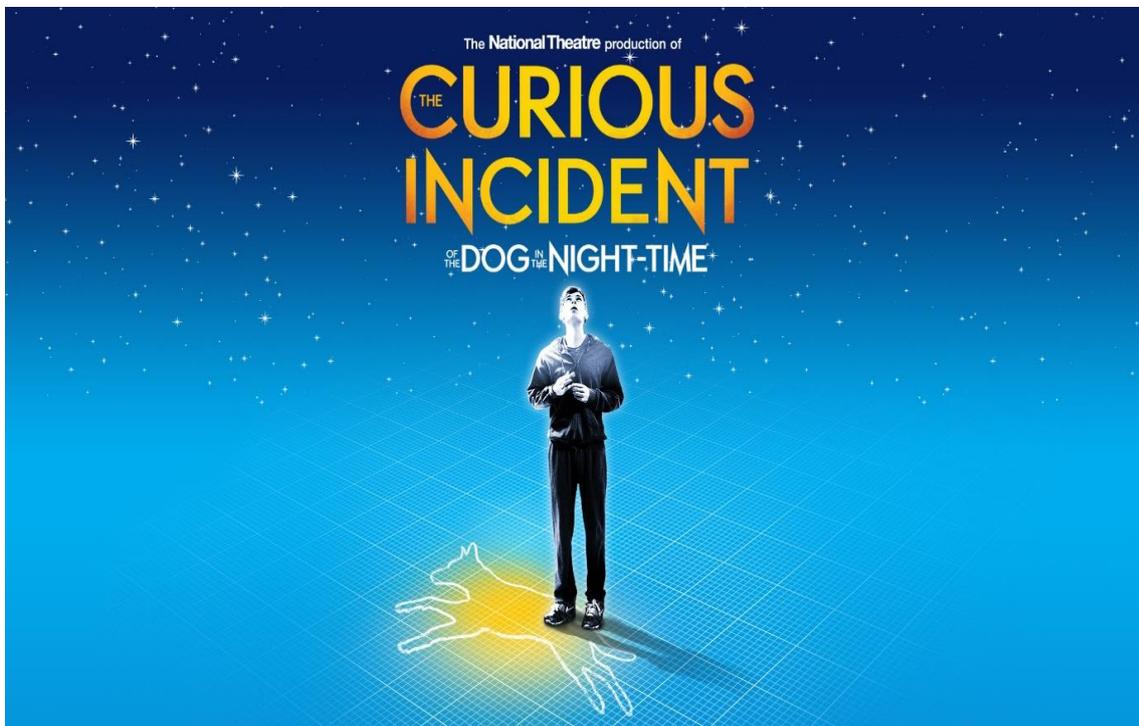
The annual school production gives excellent opportunities for MAT Music, Drama and Dance pupils to enrich their skills and experiences whether in performance or back stage roles. Performance roles include principles as well as chorus parts, spoken lines, dancing, singing or instrumental playing as part of the 'pit' band. Past productions have included 'Chicago', 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Little Shop of Horrors'. This year's production is the musical 'Bugsy Malone' to be performed on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Auditions and recruitment will be held in early September.



**DRAMA** is delivered as an option to pupils at KS4 and KS5. The department is committed to quality provision and creates more opportunities for pupils' year on year. Junior Drama club aims to teach pupils in years 7 – 9 the drama skills they would need in order to progress onto GCSE Drama in Year 10. Year 10 GCSE pupils along with more able and talented pupils take part in the biannual drama production, which focuses on specific drama techniques and skills. The next production in July 2018 will be 'Teachers' by John Godber which is a satirical look at life in a 'rough' school.

### **Theatre Visits**

The GCSE Music, Drama and BTEC Performing Arts Classes attend theatre trips as part of the syllabus. This year they have visited The Lowry Theatre and Venue Cymru to watch the acclaimed National Theatre production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. Pupils have also visited The Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch productions of 'Wicked' and 'Grease'



### **Youth Theatre**

More able and talented pupils are encouraged to audition for the National Youth Theatre of Wales and pupils have recently performed in 'Les Miserables' directed by Cameron Mackintosh at Saint David's Hall in Cardiff. Pupils are also members of local youth theatre groups such as TIC and Step One.