



CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FOUNDATION SCHOOL)

ARTS POLICY

Introduction

Callington Community College's principle aim is to maximize the individual growth of every student and it sees the Arts as a key area in this development. The aspirations of every child are raised through developing self esteem and self confidence, thereby creating a positive attitude to learning and encouraging an engagement with the many Arts based activities and opportunities that are available to students at the college. The college is committed to the continuous development of the Arts in helping to fulfil this principle aim. Callington recognizes the tremendous value and worth of the Arts in enhancing the individual growth of each student.

The development of links with the Arts to Media is at the forefront of our current planning and is supported with the growth of employment and technology. Our students need to be prepared for the world of work and further education with these changes in mind; we need to embrace the Arts sector of employment which is a large and expanding one.

Allowing students to express their feelings the Arts is seen as an integral part of learning at the college, it also helps young people to understand their own and others cultures.

General

The Arts are an essential area of the curriculum where students are offered an enriched breadth of Arts subjects through the main curriculum and also through extra-curricular opportunities. At Key Stage 3 students receive lessons in Art, Dance, Drama and Music. Students can opt for all of these subjects at Key Stages 4 and 5. There is also an extensive Personal Enhancement Programme (PEP) and Curriculum Plus activities that many of our students attend.

We recognise the essential role that the Arts play in promoting cultural education and through schemes of work students learn and understand about other cultures. This is supported by the college's International Policy and Award. Arts within our local community are encouraged through performances and exhibitions to a variety of audiences and age groups.

Commitment

Callington Community College is committed to developing the Arts through:

- High levels of entitlement for all students.
- Ensuring that each subject is delivered discreetly through the curriculum.
- Investment in opportunities for students (details):
 - Personal Enhancement Programme (PEP), clubs (Art, Dance, Drama and Music), instrument lessons, college bands, performances, exhibitions, competitions, visits (some residential) to galleries, theatres and concerts.

- Investment in the professional development of all staff:
 - Examination related INSET.
 - In-college training, sharing good practice, utilizing skills of Advanced Skills Teachers (ASTs) within the college and County.
 - Sharing good practice across the local, regional, national and international partner schools.
 - Appropriate training and development programmes to improve teaching and learning at all Key Stages (including our feeder schools).
- Involvement of the Arts in ITT, increasing the level of reflective practice in all teachers.
- Music being the second specialism at the college.
- Contributions to the whole college ethos and relationships with the community through display and celebration.
- Opportunities for work with live art and artists.
- Continuous evaluation and reviewing of teaching and learning at all levels across the Arts subjects, this includes termly development targets, annual development plans that contribute to the college's SEF and regular reviews of Schemes of Work and programmes of study.
- The introduction of an exciting individualized curriculum where Key Stage 4 starts in Year 9.
- Increasing capacity and opportunity within the Arts through the development of choices in the curriculum