

Welcome to performing arts where you will learn both music and drama

Drama:

Our aim is for students to enjoy their learning with others in order to perform and be their best, in and out of the classroom. The topics studied allow students to explore and engage with a wide range of social, moral, spiritual and cultural experiences in a safe and supportive learning environment. From Year 7 right through to Year 11, students will start to explore personal skills, from confidence and self-presentation to time management and organisational skills. They will develop the ability to move beyond boundaries and experiment with different ideas and aspire to a growth mind set. They will learn to cope with constructive criticism and learn from it, which is transferable across the whole school curriculum. We aim to allow students to question their own perspectives on key, current events through the creation, development and performing of drama.

Music:

Music lessons at Appleton Academy aim to provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum and ensuring the progressive development of musical concepts, knowledge and skills. We recognise that music plays an important part in helping students to feel part of a community, and so we provide opportunities for all children to create, play, perform and enjoy music both in class and to an audience. Through creating, rehearsing and performing students are able to express their emotions and showcase their understanding of how to perform with awareness of others. Lessons enable children to develop their skills, appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and begin to make judgements about the quality of music. Students will study many historical, social and contextual aspects of the world we live in through music, as we aim to teach music as a universal language.

Meet the team:

Miss Bottomley

Miss Bottomley teaches English and drama, both of which she loves because they are so exciting and she gets to watch students be creative and inspiring. In her lessons you will be transported to other worlds and investigate the words that took you there. Miss Bottomley hopes that you will enjoy her lessons as much as she knows she will enjoy teaching you! Miss Bottomley also loves to read and watch theatre productions; her favourite books include the Harry Potter series and the Wind on Fire trilogy. Many students at Appleton like to speak to Miss Bottomley about her two horses; they love hearing stories of what sort of mischief they have been up to. They also like to tell her about their own pets, or the animals they would love to own one day. So, when you see Miss Bottomley,

feel free to tell her about your favourite book, play or animal; she would love to hear all about them.



Mr Ayres

Mr Ayres has performed with and for Her Majesty the Queen, Robbie Williams, Gloria Estefan, Simply Red, Shirley Bassey, Jack Jones, Diane Schuur, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Empress Orchestra, The Squadronaires, The Memphis Belle Orchestra, the Platters, and The Brecker Brothers. He has also been involved with a few of the many West End shows, including *Les Miserables*, *7 Brides for Seven Brothers* & and many shows, television & radio programmes, films, video (DVD) & CD recordings including Radio 2's CD of the Year A Christmas Celebration with Huddersfield Choral Society and Sellers Engineering brass band.

The music classroom is where Mr Ayres feels most at home and in particular, he loves inspiring youngsters with his love of singing.

