

The Arts and Humanities Strategy



At Bentley Wood, we believe that engagements with the arts and humanities is essential to support students' personal development and expand their understanding of human culture over time, as well as supporting a broad and balanced curriculum experience. We are proud of our arts and humanities Strategy which further ensures all students retain a broad and balanced curriculum and engage with a range of experiences in the arts and humanities as they progress through school. We believe that engagement with the arts and humanities support students to achieve their best across their other curriculum subjects.

Students will also benefit beyond school life as through arts and humanities-based education and exposure, they will gain access to wider opportunities that will help them to become more cultured, empathetic and creative individuals.

All students study all arts and humanities-based subjects at Key Stage 3 and all students continue to study a humanities and creative subject at GCSE.

Aim of the Strategy:

- Promote a passion for the arts and a deeper understanding of different human cultures amongst our students
- Ensure every student in year 9 attends one enrichment trip connected to the arts and humanities
- Increase student 'culture capital'
- See an increase in student attendance in arts and humanities-based clubs
- Increase awareness of the arts and humanities in other subject areas
- Ability of students to make links to the arts and humanities across their curriculum

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></p> <p>Singing assembly 'Si Si Si'</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p>Pantomime trip</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>Wise thoughts & event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum)</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>Singing assembly 'Memories'</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>School production matinee 'The Wizard of Oz'</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Microclimates Investigation around Bentley Wood</p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day</p> <p>Trip to Neasden Temple</p> <p>Classics week</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Windsor Castle Trip</p> <p>Greek and Roman Theatre Experience</p>
Year 8	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></p> <p>Singing assembly 'Somebody to Love' and 'Mash Up'</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>ZooLab Experience</p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Geographical river investigation at Bently Priory</p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze</p>

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p> <p>Wise thoughts & event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum)</p>	<p>Visit to All Saints church, Stanmore</p> <p>Classics week</p>	<p>Greek and Roman Theatre Experience</p>

Year 9	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Stand by Me’</p> <p>Singing assembly ‘All I want for Christmas & one carol’</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p> <p>External speaker- Local Buddhist monk from Buddha Adipa temple.</p> <p>Epping Forest Ecological trip</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Count on Me’</p> <p>Singing assembly ‘We are the Champions’</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p>Hades Town Musical</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>TBC Climate Change Speaker</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Women’s Day</p> <p>Holocaust Education – Speaker for all Y9</p> <p>Migration workshop</p> <p>Classics week</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Lean on Me’</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p>Trip to The National Gallery TBC</p> <p>2024/25 – year 9 & 10 to see ‘Wicked’ the Musical</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Attitudes towards the environment</p> <p>Greek and Roman Theatre Experience</p>
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Year 10	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p>Exploring use of art in Buddhism: Thangkas</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Women’s Day</p> <p>Classics week</p> <p>History Ambassadors</p> <p>History Club</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p>Reggae performance</p> <p><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p>
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Year 11/12/13

Harp performance

Humanities Appreciation:

Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day

Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month

External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club

Trip to St Johns church, Stanmore

Popular music performance

Orange jackets presentation

Cultural Concert

Humanities Appreciation

Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour

Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month

Wise Thoughts: International Women’s Day

Classics week

World music performance

Humanities Appreciation

Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day

British Museum