

# The Arts and Humanities Strategy



At Bentley Wood, we believe that engagements with the Arts and Humanities is essential to support student's personal development and expand a 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 the school. We believe that engagement with the arts and humanities supports 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, all students continue to study a humanity 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><b><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly 'Si Si Si'</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p>Pantomime trip</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum)</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></b></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><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></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 Womens Day</p> <p>Trip to Neasden Temple</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Windsor Castle Trip</p>
Year 8	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly 'Somebody to Love' and 'Mash Up'</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>ZooLab Experience</p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Womens Day</p> <p>Visit to All Saints church, Stanmore</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly TBC</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></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
	Wise thoughts & event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum)		

Year 9	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></b></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Stand by Me’</p> <p>Singing assembly ‘All I want for Christmas &amp; one carol’</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p> <p>External speaker- Local Buddhist monk from Buddhapadipa temple.</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></b></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><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>TBC Climate Change Speaker</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Womens Day</p> <p>Holocaust Education – Speaker for all Y9</p> <p>Migration workshop</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></b></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 &amp; 10 to see ‘Wicked’ he Musical</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Attitudes towards the environment</p>

<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></b></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>Harp performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></b></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Womens Day</p>	<p><b><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></b></p> <p>SLG Art assembly</p> <p>World music performance</p> <p>Reggae performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p>
<b>Year 11/12/13</b>	<p>Harp performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation:</u></b></p> <p>Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day</p> <p>Wise thoughts &amp; PSHE – Black History Month</p> <p>External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club</p> <p>Trip to St Johns church, Stanmore</p>	<p>Popular music performance</p> <p>Orange jackets presentation</p> <p>Cultural Concert</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month</p> <p>Wise Thoughts: International Womens Day</p>	<p>World music performance</p> <p><b><u>Humanities Appreciation</u></b></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p>

<b>Humanities</b>	Geographers. January Activity Day – Windsor Castle Year 7 Wise Thoughts: Black History Month (October) Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month (February) Wise Thoughts: Parliament Week Wise Thoughts: Remembrance Day Wise T: International Womens Day Assembly on all of the above topics – led by History Ambassadors. History Club -		
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