

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’ Whole school concert performance Pantomime trip Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Winter Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts: Remembrance Day Wise Thoughts & PSHE: Black History Month Wise Thoughts & Events: Parliament Week (BW Referendum) History and Politics Club Historical Fiction Competition Castle Competition Geography Club</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Memories’ Whole school concert performance School production matinee Cultural Concert and Cultural Week Whole School Concert Performance Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Spring Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities</u></p> <p>Microclimates Investigation around Bentley Wood Wise Thoughts: Earth Hour Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month Wise Thoughts: International Women’s Day Wise Thoughts: Holocaust Memorial Day Classics week Geography Club History and Politics Club Historical Fiction Competition</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>Art Exhibition Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Junior Choir & Aylward Collaboration Concert Summer Concert Drama/Classics in the Woods French play</p> <p><u>Humanities</u></p> <p>Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p> <p>Windsor Castle Trip Greek and Roman Theatre Experience Geography Club History and Politics Club Historical Fiction Competition</p>
Year 8	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u></p> <p>Singing assembly ‘Somebody to Love’ and ‘Mash Up’ Whole school concert performance Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Winter Concert</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u></p> <p>Singing assembly Whole school concert performance Cultural Concert and Cultural Week Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Spring Concert</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u></p> <p>Art Exhibition Orchestra String Group Junior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Junior Choir & Aylward Collaboration Concert Summer Concert Drama/Classics in the Woods French play</p>

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Humanities Wise thoughts & event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum) Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Geography Club	Humanities ZooLab Experience Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day Wise thoughts: Holocaust Memorial day Geography Club History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Unique Community Workshops The Supermarket (Process Drama)	Humanities Trip to Bletchly Park Trip to Neasden Temple Geographical river investigation at Bentley Priory Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Geography Club Trip to Neasden Temple

Year 9	<u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u> Singing assembly ‘Stand by Me’ Whole School Concert Performance Preview Winter Concert Orchestra String Group Year 9 Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Winter Concert	<u>Arts Appreciation Spring</u> Singing assembly ‘Count on Me’ Singing assembly ‘We are the Champions’ Cultural Concert and Cultural Week Whole School Concert Performance Orchestra String Group Year 9 Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Spring Concert	<u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u> Singing assembly ‘Lean on Me’ Musical Trip Activity Day to London Art Exhibition Kew Gardens Orchestra String Group Year 9 Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Summer Concert Drama/Classics in the Woods French play
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Year 9	<p><u>Humanities</u> Epping Forest Trip Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month External Speaker – Local Politician with Y8 Politics Club Wise thoughts & event – Parliament Week (BW Referendum) History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Geography Club</p>	<p><u>Humanities</u> Holocaust Education – Speaker for all Year 9 Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day Wise thoughts: Holocaust Memorial day Geography Club History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Classics week</p>	<p><u>Humanities</u> Hampton Court Palace Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day Attitudes towards the environment History and Politics club Historical fiction competition Geography Club</p>
Year 10	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Autumn</u> Whole School Concert Performance Orchestra String Group Senior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Winter Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities</u> Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month</p>	<p><u>Arts and Humanities Appreciation Spring</u> SLG Art assembly Cultural Concert and Cultural Week Whole School Concert Performance Orchestra String Group Senior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Spring Concert</p> <p><u>Humanities</u> Migration Workshop Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day Classics week History Ambassadors History Club</p>	<p><u>Arts Appreciation Summer</u> Musical Trip Activity Day to London Reggae Performance Art Exhibition Orchestra String Group Senior Choir School Production Rock Band Guitar Club Glee Summer Concert Drama/Classics in the Woods French play</p> <p><u>Humanities</u> Berlin Wise Thoughts – Biodiversity Day</p>

Year 11/12/13

Arts

Whole School Concert Performance

Orchestra
String Group
Senior Choir
School Production
Rock Band
Guitar Club
Glee
Winter Concert

Humanities

Trip to St Johns church, Stanmore

Wise thoughts – Remembrance Day
Wise thoughts & PSHE – Black History Month

Arts

Cultural Concert and Cultural Week

Whole School Concert Performance

Orchestra
String Group
Senior Choir
School Production
Rock Band
Guitar Club
Glee
Spring Concert

Humanities

Wise Thoughts – Earth Hour
Wise Thoughts: LGBT History Month
Wise Thoughts: International Women's Day
Classics week

Arts

Art Exhibition

Orchestra
String Group
Senior Choir
School Production
Rock Band
Guitar Club
Glee
Summer Concert
Drama/Classics in the Woods

Humanities

Berlin

<u>Whole School Concert Programme</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
2022-23	Winter Concert Preview yr 9	Production Preview yr 7 School Production Primary School Production Matinee Cultural Concert Spring Concert Primary Music and Dance Concert	String Trio Summer Concert Summer Primary Concert
2023-24	Harp Winter Concert Preview yr 9	Production Preview yr 7 School Production Primary School Production Matinee Cultural Concert Spring Concert Primary Music and Dance Concert	Orange Jackets Olympic Talk Indian Carnatic Performance Summer Concert Summer Primary Concert
2024-25	Winter Concert Preview yr 9	Production Preview yr 7 School Production Primary School Production Matinee Cultural Concert Spring Concert Primary Music and Dance Concert	Jazz Trio Summer Concert Summer Primary Concert
2025-26	Bridgerton String Quartet Winter Concert Preview yr 9	Italian Opera Production Preview yr 7 School Production Primary School Production Matinee Cultural Concert Spring Concert Primary Music and Dance Concert	Summer Concert Summer Primary Concert

Activity Day Trips

<u>Year</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
2022-23	Windsor Castle	Walton on the Naze	Wicked	Wicked
2023-24	Windsor Castle	Walton on the Naze	National Gallery	British Museum
2024-25	Windsor Castle	Walton on the Naze	Wicked	Wicked
2025-26	Windsor Castle	Whipsnade Zoo	Hercules	Hercules

School Productions

2009	Wacky Soap
2010	Annie
2011	The Wiz
2012	The School of Musicals
2013	Oliver
2014	The Crucible
2016	Lion King
2017	Hairspray
2018	Beauty and the Beast
2019	Aladdin
2020	Annie
2022	Matilda
2023	The Wizard of Oz
2024	Oliver
2025	Addams Family