

Our Ref: BAH/BAM

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Dear Parent/Carer

Y8 and Y9 Drama & Music assessment reporting

I write to you to be open and honest about your child's data entry regarding Drama and Music.

The latest data upload, you will find, does not show the same details for Drama and Music and this letter goes some way to explaining why and what we are doing in those subject areas to address that gap.

As interest and enthusiasm grew for Drama and Music the number of teachers needed to increase. The recruitment of a new member of staff we hope will always be successful; unfortunately, we have had staffing issues in Term 1 and that has impacted several classes of Year 8 and Year 9 Drama and Music. Therefore, the assessment of the work is not in line with the rest of cohort. All students have covered the curriculum content through the teaching delivered, but they have not all been able to have an assessment carried out by a subject specialist and therefore this presents an issue when moderating across the cohort: we are unable to compare and discuss all students' performances.

To remedy this, all Year 8 and Year 9 students in both Music and Drama will have a Term 2 assessment, as planned, but this assessment will be reported to parents rather than retained for internal assessment only. Staffing has now stabilised and your child is being taught Music and Drama by a subject specialist.

Please accept my apologies that at this time you do not have a full curriculum picture but be assured that you will do before we close for the Christmas break.

I have broken down the classes by code below so that your child can point out to you, which class they are in for Drama and Music and how this has impacted them by marking an X against the relevant subject.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

H Barradell

Mrs H Barradell
Assistant Principal: Curriculum, Progress and Learning

Year group	Class code	Drama	Music
8	8A1		X
	8A2		X
	8A3		X
	8A4		X
	8B1	X	
	8B2		X
	8B3		X
9	9A1	Not impacted	
	9A2	Not impacted	
	9A3	X	
	9B1	Not impacted	
	9B2		
	9B3	X	X
	9B4	X	