



The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr P Willerton

9 March 2026

Year 8 - Performing Arts Options

Dear Parent/Carer

To ensure that students are offered a broad and balanced curriculum across Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9, students have the option of studying Dance or Drama alongside Music in Performing Arts in Year 8 and Year 9.

Music is a National Curriculum subject, and so it is compulsory that all students study this until the end of Year 9. However, to fully prepare students who would like to study Drama and/or Dance as a GCSE subject, they will have the option to choose an additional subject to study alongside their compulsory Music lesson. This will enable us to nurture talents and fully prepare students for GCSE, should they wish to choose Performing Arts. An example of how the options process will look for your child is detailed below:

Student A

Music	Compulsory Subject
Drama	Optional Subject

Student B

Music	Compulsory Subject
Dance	Optional Subject

Student C

Music	Compulsory Subject
Music	Optional Subject (Additional Lesson)

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All Year 7 students will be expected to choose one of the combinations above. Once subjects have been chosen, students will remain in these lessons across both Year 8 and Year 9.

This week in assembly, I have shared this information with students and asked them to choose which additional subject they would like to study. Please discuss this with your child, to ensure that students are making appropriate decisions based upon their interests and talents.

Once you have discussed the options process with your child, please access the link below and select the option that your child wishes to take. We ask that this is completed by Friday 20 March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yYHprqL5b0KbZ91Zv6G6vlyL6JM-3lxCqx8QPKo826pUMFJXQ0VKNk9KUIdCR1NTVkgxSEdCMINWNi4u>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy.

Yours faithfully

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