

St. Mary's Secondary School, Holy Faith, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. 60770P



Drama & Performance Arts Policy

Throughout their time in St. Mary's, all students are encouraged to participate in drama and performance arts. These encounters take place in a variety of ways; in the classroom, as a result of participation in cross-curricular projects or through involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Drama and Performance Arts are important parts of the English, Irish, Art and Music courses at Junior and Senior Cycle and provision has been made to include modules in this area in Transition Year Music and English. Extra-curricular activities include annual school productions and showcases, drama and music workshops and various trips to theatrical productions, musicals and operas, among others.

The teachers and management of St. Mary's are committed to providing students with ongoing creative opportunities. This support is shown through the provision of resources and materials and the facilitation of in-school projects and staff CPD.

Drama and Performance Arts are acknowledged to play a significant role in enhancing students' artistic expression and confidence in the powers of their imagination. Students are also tutored in scriptwriting, show production, composition and musicianship. Through engagement with the Arts, students improve their self-presentation, teamwork, communication and collaboration skills. These qualities foster the development of creative, articulate and confident young people, in keeping with the school's ethos.

Ratified by Board of Management