



# BISHOP PEROWNE

## Church of England College

*Specialists in the Performing Arts*

### ADMISSIONS

### SEPTEMBER 2010

Up to 20 places will be made available to children who can be identified as being able to benefit from teaching in the Performing Arts and who demonstrate a particular capacity to succeed in this subject. Children's aptitude in one, or a combination, of three specific areas – drama, dance, music - will be assessed by a panel of well qualified independent persons. The assessment will involve an audition in the week beginning Wednesday 14 October 2009.

Applications are invited from parents in respect of children who are likely to meet the audition requirements. These **must** be received by 30 September 2009 to be eligible for audition.

The audition process is just one part of the overall application procedure for a place at the College and accordingly parents are asked to complete not only the application forms in respect of Performing Arts (the lilac form) but also the College's usual form (the gold form). As a result, applications for children who unfortunately cannot be offered a place following the audition will automatically be considered under the next criterion appropriate to their circumstances. In addition, the Worcestershire County Council Form SA1 should be completed and submitted. Usually the primary school will submit your completed SA1 on your behalf. The procedure for transfer from a Middle School is slightly different; the Clerk to the Governors will be pleased to advise on this.

In the event that more than 20 children reach the required level of aptitude, places will be allocated by random selection (lottery).

Conversely, if insufficient children reach the required level of aptitude, the unfilled places will automatically be made available to all other applicants and allocated in accordance with the remaining criteria.

Students who are offered and accept a place at Bishop Perowne College through their aptitude for the Performing Arts will follow the same academic course and receive the majority of their lessons with the other students in their year group (English, Maths, Science, MFL, R.E., History, Geography, Music, Dance, Drama, P.E). However, students will receive provision in the Arts above the normal level offered to students.

This will include

- Free group instrumental or singing lessons:
  - A second/third instrument/voice for those already learning an instrument/voice.
  - A group/ individual beginner's lessons in an instrument or voice of choice.
- Attendance within college in an extended day vocal ensemble, and instrumental ensemble.
- Attendance in college at an extended day Dance class
- Attendance in college at an extended day Drama group
- Expert tuition of one timetabled lesson per week in year 7, as a group of selected students, delivered by an external expert practitioner in dance, drama or music to support the development of generic and essential performance skills.
- Study of a level 2 Performing Arts qualification either GCSE or BTec in Year 8 and Year 9.
- Year 10 and 11 study GCSE in a specialist subject and /or A level (or equivalent level 3) Performing Arts .
- Priority access to bursaries for holiday courses with the English Symphony Orchestra and holiday dance and drama courses run through college.
- Regular performance opportunities including Acts of Collective Worship.
- Participation in college productions and performances.
- Priority participation in workshops given by visiting professionals. Opportunities such as Royal College of Music master classes, fidget feet dance company workshops, Vamos theatre company workshops.

### **Audition Requirements**

Students will be auditioned by independent adjudicators whose recommendation to Governors will be final and not subject to appeal.

- Each candidate will be required to give a performance of their choice in Dance, Drama or Music.
- Candidates will be asked to talk about their performance and why they have chosen it.

While students are auditioned the Head Teacher and members of the Governing Body and College Performing Arts Team will be available to

discuss the programme of study on offer to students and answer any questions.

It will be possible to take the opportunity to see the Arts at work at Bishop Perowne College in the annual Community Arts taster day.

### **Application requirements**

The lilac and gold application forms should be completed and returned to Bishop Perowne College by **30 September 2009**. These forms should be accompanied by:-

- A reference or letter of recommendation from a qualified teacher in at least one specialist subject area, for example instrumental/singing teacher, dance teacher, drama workshop leader.
- Success in music, dance or drama public exams are not a requirement for success; however, where these are applicable a copy of most recent certificates should be included.
- Statement of commitment from the parents towards the programme of study to be offered to the students.
- Statement of commitment from the students towards the program of study to be offered to the students.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to accept applications received after 30 September 2009 for the auditions which are only held once each year.

The Clerk to the Governors will be pleased to help with any queries about the application process and can be contacted on 01905 746866.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>30 September 2009</b>	<b>Closing date for Performing Arts applications</b>
<b>6 November 2009</b>	<b>Closing date for all other applications</b>