

SPECIALIST STATUS

The School has continued to go from strength to strength in the Performing Arts. In Music especially, the GCSE results are soaring, accelerated Music classes in Key Stage 3 ensure early entry for GCSE Music and the opportunity for further development in Year 11. The Annual Portchester Arts Festival has provided opportunities for Music and Dance development. Indonesian Gamelan, Cuban Jazz and Brazilian Samba workshops; Indian Dance and Tabla; Peruvian Cajon playing; Gospel Choirs and Japanese Taiko drumming have all been added to the musical experience at Portchester Community School. Different types of drums are being made here in the school's Technology workshops.

There has been a renaissance in Dance at Portchester Community School. The first group of GCSE students took Dance in June 2007 and our second cohort achieved excellent results in 2008. The school has developed a strong partnership with The StopGAP Dance Company hosted successful residential visits and developed County standard in developing boys Dance.

The School's commitment to Drama has always been strong. The subject has continued with its solid development in the school. In 2008 the school achieved excellent results and was proud to take part in the Fareham and Gosport Drama Festival and the schools Performing Arts celebration. Students are fortunate enough to experience many visits to see high quality performances.

The Performing Arts Studio which opened in November 2006 enables staff to set students even higher standards for their performances and welcome touring companies to perform at school in a professional standard space. The school looks forward to the new Creative and Media Diploma which will be launched in September 2009 and encourage students to take part in the vocational aspect of Theatre Arts.

The School is delighted to report that re-designation was achieved in October 2008 following a very successful Ofsted report in June 2008.