**Creative Arts:**

The Creative Arts Department at Abbeyfield School, is a thriving hubbub of activity. Through art, drama, and music, students are exposed to a wide range of styles, genres, and practitioners. Our thriving department allows students to grow their creative minds through both curriculum and extracurricular activities.

Within drama, students are given the opportunity to explore a wide range of drama styles, from *Shakespearean* theatre, right through to dramatic *Brecht* masterpieces. Students are taught to explore their creative side, and cover topics such as *Theatre in Education* and puppetry, right through to sensitive themes, including the play *Naughts and Crosses*. Students have been encouraged to participate in some of our external workshops, including a stage combat workshop and “platform theatre”. Students attend their drama lessons in a fully fitted drama studio, with stage lighting, and the opportunity to use set and props.

Within music, students are given the opportunity to explore a wide range of music styles, composers, and specific “noteworthy” pieces, from *Pachelbel’s Canon*, right through to *James Bond*. Students cover such topics as Film Music, Ensemble Music and The Blues. Students learn how to perform as soloists, as part of an ensemble, and latterly, learn how to record their own music. Students are always encouraged to join some of our music ensembles, including the school choir and samba band. We host an annual Christmas concert, as well as a summer cabaret. We also offer instrumental and vocal lessons, for those students wishing to take their music studies to the next level.

Within art, students are given the opportunity to explore a wide range of art styles, artists, and practical skills, including painting, drawing, pastel work, sculpture and collage. Students in year 9 have started work on a photographic project as well, leading them into GCSE photography. Students study such topics as “Day of the Dead”, the human figure and portraits, technical drawing, through perspective work, and the elements of art, focusing online, texture, and importantly, use of colour. Students have the opportunity to have their work displayed throughout the school. With two fully fitted, well-resourced art rooms, students are spoilt for choice in their selection of art mediums.

Every year, the Creative Arts Department host the Abbeyfield School Musical, most recently, putting on *Shrek* the musical. All the students in school, whether they are involved or not, enjoy the buzz created by the musical. Students are offered performing roles, or technical roles, depending on their interests.

We pride ourselves on engagement through enjoyment. We are not afraid to have fun – we teach students to love being creative, empowering them to feel safe, and discover their creative self.

Want to know more about what we do in creative arts? Watch this: [The one where Mr J did that rap about creative arts - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99wjKWXthr0)