



Sandringham School holds the prestigious Artsmark Platinum award status recognising the outstanding provision in the arts for all students and the local community. This is the highest accolade in Arts education and a testament to the outstanding work delivered across the arts faculties in the school. In addition to this we were one of the three finalists in The Stage awards for School of the Year in relation to arts provision and opportunities. This was a great honour and wonderful to be the only non-specialist arts school represented in the finals.

The Arts team were awarded the Silver Award for Outstanding Team of the Year at the National Teaching Awards in 2014 for their commitment to leading a wealth of exciting opportunities both in the classroom and beyond. This commitment is demonstrated in the wealth and quality of our arts offer at Sandringham.

We are proud of the rich cultural experiences we are able to offer all students projects. Many of these experiences are shared by students in public performances and in Arts Award qualifications from Trinity College, London.

Take the opportunity to visit our vibrant arts faculties and the theatre, which is central to many arts experiences at Sandringham.

Clare Meeking

Director of Arts



**Artsmark  
Platinum Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
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## VISUAL ARTS

**Regular visits to galleries and exhibitions:** Including our annual residential study tour to destinations such as Paris or Liverpool.



**Visiting Artists and Alumni:** Our students are regularly inspired by visiting artists such as The Dacorum and Chiltern Potters Guild.

**National Campaign for Drawing:** Our annual week long event to promote drawing and creativity across the curriculum.

**Annual Summer Exhibition:** To celebrate the achievements of our KS4 and KS5  
**Memory Project:** A special global charity project helping children and teens around the world through art.



**Artwork around the campus:** Produced throughout the academic year and reflective of our success in local and national competitions such as The Maltings Art Prize or The Royal Academy Young Artists' summer show.

**Art Clubs:** KS3 Art Club, Photography Club, Coursework Cafe. We are proud to be selected as a creative hub for **University of Arts London Future Creatives** courses.

## MUSIC



**Concerts:** The autumn and spring concert feature all our ensembles performing music they have prepared during the term. The summer concert celebrates all of the music making from our ensembles, student composers, as well as our student leavers and the Composers Concert is an opportunity for our composers to showcase and share their work and is always a really special event on our calendar.

**Lessons and Carols:** This traditional lessons and carols, features music from Sandringham's choirs and instrumental ensembles.



**Competitions:** From the fabulous 'Last Choir Standing' with Year 7 battling it out to win house points to the ever popular Battle of the Bands, where originality and musicianship are prized in this annual event.

**St Peter's lunchtime recital:** This lunchtime concert forms part of a popular series of concerts, hosted by St Peter's Church in St. Albans. It features small ensembles and senior soloists from Sandringham and our consortium sixth form classes.



**St Albans secondary schools music concert:** Musicians from Sandringham perform at the Alban Arena in this annual celebration of music from all schools across the St.Albans district.

**Junior and Senior Recital Evenings:** These evenings showcase the hard work of students from Years 7 – 9 and 10 – 13 respectively.



## DRAMA

**The Young Actors Company:** This is a great opportunity for the year 7 students to perform as a company and share their work. It is always an event not to be missed!

Dance faculties. Recent productions have included Fame, Guys and Dolls, Annie, School of Rock, Grease, Les Miserables and Good Night Mister Tom. It is always an event not to be missed!

**House Drama events:** A fantastic array of house events from script writing to duets.

**The Actors Company – Lower School Production:** Students in years 7 – 10 will perform in a lower school show. Performances from the company have included the hugely successful 'Midsummer Night's Dream' in partnership with 'The Royal Shakespeare Company' and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



## DANCE

**Velocity:** The annual dance show Velocity is held over four performances and is the highlight of the Dance Calendar. Students from all years are involved in a celebration of Dance, demonstrating a variety of styles from jazz and hip hop to contemporary. This event is not to be missed!

**A Level and GCSE Dance Performance Evening:** The A-Level and GCSE Dance performance evenings showcase the practical exam work from the Year 11 and Year 13 students. The range and quality of Dance work on show is truly breathtaking and is an enjoyable evening of contemporary dance.

**House Choreography:** This very popular house event in the calendar, students from all years battle it out on the dance floor to gain points for their house teams.

**Summer show:** The summer show will involve class work from KS3, exam classes and pieces from our resident companies SYCD, Tuxedo, Triple Edge, Limitless Boys Dance and Young Performers.

**External performances, visiting dance artists and trips:** Last year a variety of visiting dance artists spent a day in school working with students to expand their dance technique and performance skills. Various external dance performances and workshops have included the Move be Moved Festival, Ipswich, performing at the Watford Palace Theatre, Laban Conservatoire, London, the Scoop Amphitheatre at the Southbank Centre in London and the Alban Arena. As well as regular theatre trips and dance events, including our bi-annual residential study tour to New York.



## Other Opportunities



**House Performing Arts:** Students compete in categories for Drama, Music and Dance. Come and support students in an arts extravaganza based around a central theme.

### **Musical in a day!**

As part of our extended learning programme we work with all year 8 students to put on a musical in a day. This year we put on an abridged version of Lion King involving a whole year group. Students embraced the challenge of creating costume, set, a live band in addition to many of the iconic scenes from the film.

### **Arts Award**

We are working in collaboration with Trinity College London to be offering all Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to complete their Bronze and Silver arts award. This external qualification is a celebration of the high level of arts opportunity available to every child during their weekly lessons in art, music, dance and drama. The Silver Award supports opportunities of leadership in the Arts and projects have included students writing and directing their own plays and running music workshops at local primary schools.

### **Sandringham Arts Festival**

Our annual Arts Festival welcomes many visitors to the school to support the vibrant array of activities and experiences that are taking place across the school to promote the arts. This year our work was based around 'Our World' and included virtual talks and workshops from professional composers, dancers and actors along with an extraordinary amount of tasks, projects and competitions to take part in. It is



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