

## **SMSC in Performing Arts**

Performing Arts within Tong covers Dance, Drama and Music and through these lessons we consider spiritual, moral, social and cultural development within our society.

The tasks set ask students to consider their own thoughts, responses or consider other people's thoughts in relation to different situations. For example in the GCSE Drama course Unit 1 they study the theme of war and use different strategies to explore the thoughts, feelings and experiences of those affected by war.

Much of the work in Performing Arts helps the students to develop their personal skills which are transferable and will allow them to develop into confident people. We work on developing confidence, self-esteem, personal fitness, organisation, discipline, motivation and commitment. Such skills are worked on within lesson time but we also offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, invite external companies and professionals into school and take many groups to see live performances.

### **Some examples of SMSC in Performing Arts are:**

1. Rock Challenge - A competition encouraging students to achieve a drug free high.
2. Love Music Hate Racism – Music festival encouraging people not to be racist.
3. Ignite – Performance group that create pieces on current issues, for example homophobia.
4. KS3 Drama Club – students help devise and perform pieces of drama, for example bullying.
5. Music and Dance from different cultures – for example Samba, Hip Hop and Taiko Drumming.
6. Summer School Games – cultural event based at Leeds Met.
7. Opera North – performance opportunity working alongside students from other schools.
8. Theatre Trips – for example Phoenix Dance Theatre, Blood Brothers, Paper Birds, DV8, Knee High and Frantic Assembly .