



10th June 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am writing with information about your child's Expressive and Performing Arts lessons for the rest of this academic year. You may be aware that we have run Trinity Exams with Y9 for many years. We are no longer doing the Trinity Exam but, instead, pupils are participating in a new Exam called the BEE Award, the Bridgewater Expressive Experience. It is a wonderful culmination to the pupils' KS3 Arts lessons.

Is it a solo or group exam?	Group Exam.
Has BEE Exam preparation started?	Yes, in all four subjects – Art, Dance, Drama, Music.
Are pupils in different groups in each subject?	NO. Pupils will work as the <u>same</u> small group in Dance, Drama and Music lessons. Work in Art continues to be individual.
Which subjects are used in the exam?	Pupils prepare work for the exam in <u>all four</u> subjects – Art, Dance, Drama and Music.
Is there a written exam?	No.
When will the exam be and how long does it last?	We have already reserved the dates Mon 8th – Fri 12th July 2018 . Each exam performance is 10 minutes.
Who examines the performances?	Two members of Bridgewater EPA Staff.
Do we have to wait until August for results, like GCSEs?	No; we would expect to be able to let pupils have the results before we break up for the summer holiday.
How is the Exam marked?	In the same way as Interim Reports i.e. Exceeded +, Exceeded, Mastering, Securing or Developing.
Is everyone entered for the same level of Exam?	No. There are Gold, Silver and Bronze entry levels. These will be decided based on the marking of the creative process in the first few weeks of Exam work.
Does the mark come from <u>just</u> the Exam performance?	No. It has been explained to pupils that it is marked out of 100 with up to 50 marks from the creative process in lessons leading up to the Exam and 50 marks from the Exam performance.
How is the Exam Entry Grade decided?	All four of your child's EPA staff are consulted for their subject Grade recommendation and the best average of these grades is taken as the actual entry grade.
Is there a charge for the Exam?	No





The BEE Award Exam is totally separate from all Expressive & Performing Arts GCSEs or BTECs for Y10 / 11; the fact a pupil is entered for this in Y9 in no way replaces any part of any of these KS4 exams.

I will write to you again in the next couple of weeks when the specific exam day / time for your child is confirmed.

May I ask you to contact me quickly on j.wolfenden@bridgewaterhigh.com if you already know your child has something else booked between 8th – 12th July which would clash with an exam during the school day. Although we hope clashes will be very few in number, I work out the group Exam times so, *providing I know early enough*, I can endeavour to work round this.

I am already aware of the names of pupils who are on the German Exchange from 9th July so the Exam for these pupils, and their group members, will take place on Monday 8th July with the specific time TBC.

Yours sincerely,

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