



FRIERN BARNET SCHOOL  
Specialist Arts College



# Enhanced Arts Programme



*"I feel privileged to be an EAP student because to me it means that people see potential in me. It has given me more belief and confidence in myself and in what I can achieve."*  
**Shania T.**

## WHAT IS THE ENHANCED ARTS PROGRAMME (EAP)?

As a specialist centre for the performing arts, Friern Barnet School admits **up to 10% of each new Year 7 cohort based upon students' ability to demonstrate their potential to excel** in dance, drama, music.

This arrangement offers two main advantages:

**It ensures that the school is accessible to those young people across Barnet and beyond who would benefit most from working with our outstanding teaching staff.**

**It allows us to identify those students who have already made exceptional progress in their arts learning, or have obvious natural aptitude - meaning we can provide them with a highly personalised educational experience, tailored to their abilities and passions.**

The EAP offers enrichment activities and extra one to one tuition alongside regular curriculum studies. Our aim is to inspire confidence, extend technique and range, and raise the aspirations which will underpin achievement at Key Stage 4, post-16 and in students' own outside pursuits.

As teachers, we support and develop the skill, commitment and discipline necessary to succeed in the performing arts. Students are expected to participate fully in all opportunities to further their talents, and to pass on the benefits of their further learning through peer mentoring and public performances. EAP students are true ambassadors for the arts, in school and in the wider community.

It is expected that all students accepted onto the EAP will commit to the programme of activities from Year 7 through to Year 9. Options for Years 10 and 11 will be considered throughout the programme to establish an access route to the very highest levels of attainment.



*"I am thrilled to be part of the EAP because it will give me chances to show people what I can do and give me many opportunities to learn and develop new skills as a performer. I'm so excited to be surrounded by people who love the same things as me."*  
**Ella C.**



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Performing arts have an extremely high profile at Friern Barnet School, giving students regular access to expert teaching staff and dedicated facilities. As a part of the EAP students will be working and developing their skills with other talented students, chosen for their joint determination to excel in the performing arts.

EAP students form the core of our performance ensembles and opportunities, and the school will provide a range of opportunities beyond the regular curriculum. This includes additional external performances, professional workshops, extra-curricular activities, one-to-one music and drama tuition and trips to shows and sites of artistic importance.

These experiences give students a greater insight into the world of performing arts, possible career routes and options, and the knowledge and understanding needed to succeed in their chosen field.

## WHO IS SELECTED?

Many students apply to audition for the EAP in July of Year 5, but we also hold second round auditions in the summer term of Year 6, for those students who have confirmed their place at the school starting in September. This allows the EAP opportunity to be reopened to anyone who may have missed the first round for any reason.

The purpose of the selection process is to identify those students who have the greatest potential to excel in their specialism, or in a combination of arts skills. Past experience and any accreditations will be taken into account but are not essential. We are interested in receiving applications from any child with a passion for performing and the necessary dedication and enthusiasm to maximise the benefits of the programme.

Students can apply to specialise in one of the three disciplines (dance, drama or music) however they will be required to take part in activities across all three disciplines.



# HOW DO I APPLY?

If you believe your child has a natural ability in any of the performing arts, combined with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning, then you should send in a completed EAP application form which can be found on the admissions section of the school website. Alternatively email [eap@friern.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:eap@friern.barnet.sch.uk) and we will send a blank form back to you.

Deadline dates for applications and auditions for Year 5 and Year 6 students are on the EAP application form.

Once we have received your application form we will follow up with you about details and requirements for the face to face or video audition.

## AUDITIONS

Students will participate in a group workshop to explore their ability in all three disciplines of dance, drama and music. Students will not necessarily be judged outside their sphere of experience or expertise, but will be assessed on factors such as teamwork, ability to follow instructions and general creative capacities. After the workshop students will then be asked to perform a prepared solo piece in their chosen discipline lasting no more than two minutes.

## MORE INFORMATION

School website: [www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/performing-arts/enhanced-arts-programme](http://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/performing-arts/enhanced-arts-programme)

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