

Voice-in-Residence

Dunbar Grammar School

Dunbar Grammar School is a six-year comprehensive, co-educational school serving the town of Dunbar and its surrounding communities. At present the school has 701 students but this number is due to increase substantially as a result of an increase in new housing. The school is currently working under the School of Ambition initiative. It is in its third year of a three-year programme with a focus on improving leadership, confidence, learning and teaching, expectations and inclusion and community engagement, through the vehicle of creative and performing arts.

The transformational plan for the school is based around setting up seven 'in-house' companies. These include a catering company, a corporate identity company, a dance company, a music company, a theatre company, a film and animation company and a broadcasting company.

Dunbar Grammar School has a strong, positive working relationship with East Lothian Arts Service. Most recently this partnership has brought benefit through two-year long part-time residencies, one with a professional theatre artist and the other with a professional moving image artist.

These artists worked across a wide range of subject departments, from history to science and more. It is envisaged that the Voice-in-Residence will make links to other departments out with music, to include drama, modern languages and others as appropriate.

Main aims and objectives for the Voice-in-Residence

- Inspire and encourage the pupils to make the most of their singing potential by exploring and facilitating a variety of singing styles through workshops and projects for every year group from S1 – Advanced Higher students.
- Working with the pupils to contribute towards the programme for a concert in June 2009
- To establish 'Hear Boys', a vocal ensemble for male pupils creating a repertoire suited to young male voices and pieces selected collaboratively with the ensemble
- Develop choral singing and performing
- Work with teaching staff across the school

The successful artist will be managed by East Lothian Arts Service working closely with the school's Head Teacher and PT Music. The artist will contribute to an evaluation of the residency.

Deadline for applications: Monday 16th February

Interviews week beginning Monday 23rd February

Residency commencing week beginning 9th March until 26th June 2009

The residency is for 12 hours per week for 14 weeks. There is an opportunity for two artists to residency share if appropriate.

The fee for the full residency is £4,032