



## SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

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# PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

***Scholarship members will be entitled to:***

***Subsidised theatre trips home and abroad***

***Subsidised Lamda/Dance/Singing or Instrumental lessons***

***Equipment and training resources***

***First class career advice and professional opportunities***

***Significant exposure to the cultural capital of Performing Arts!***

*This unique scholarship in Performing Arts offers students exciting opportunities to enhance their confidence and creative ability. We expect our scholars to achieve professional standards in all areas of specialism and demonstrate their talents both inside and outside of our school.*



Please check our website for further details on the application process - [www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk)

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## **Mr S. Sahl-Taylor Director of Faculty Performing & Visual Arts / Music Specialist**

Mr Sahl-Taylor spent 25 years as a professional musician. He toured throughout Europe including residencies in Spain, Croatia, Denmark & Sweden. He worked with many top recording artists including American singer Ben E King (Stand by me). He has written & recorded his own album which was signed by ACM Records in New York. The album 'Hello World' is on iTunes and Spotify.

In his role at SHS he has invited many top stars to perform for students including singers Deleelah and Scarlet Gabriel from Six the musical. ITV show 'The Voice kids' also regularly holds auditions in the school.

In 2017 one of his music students Rai-Elle Williams appeared on X Factor reaching the semi-finals of the live show. His Gospel Choir appeared on the show as Rai-Elle's backup singers. She now has a successful singing career.

Every three years the department takes students on a tour where they work with a director and perform their own show. The last tour was in New York where the students performed on Broadway.

**Music** is taught in two large classrooms that are fully equipped with brand new iMacs. Here students work with music software GarageBand and learn the basics of piano\*. There are 5 practice rooms in the department, 1 computer suite, a dedicated drum room with a small stage and a recording studio with professional microphones for recording the students' work. Further details are on our website.

**Dance** is taught in a dance studio with a sprung floor, fully equipped sound & light desk & floor to ceiling mirrors.

**Drama** is taught in a dedicated studio newly installed in 2020, with a sprung floor and sound & lights desk. Performing Arts lessons at Shirley High School are taught in fantastic state of the art facilities. Dance, Drama &

Music are taught once a week to all students at KS3. Students can then choose it as one of their options for GCSE.

\*1-1 and shared lessons are available from peripatetic teachers in a range of instruments for a charge.

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