

Case Study: Bridge Schools Trust



Personal development

Lesley Lutas-Brown – Headteacher, Greatworth Primary School

Ofsted look closely at the opportunities for children to develop in personal development. We find their SMSC really does lend itself to join with the arts to provide learning opportunities and experience where children can really explore their own moral compass and compare those with other people of different cultures.

Michael Froom – Chair of the Governing Body, Greatworth Primary School

We've really got to develop a broad cultural capital in the school.

Lesley Lutas-Brown

The arts really supports children understanding their own emotions and recognising them in other people. For example, we've been performing Les Mis and to see the emotion on their faces, you can really see that they are back in that French Revolution and exploring the feelings of characters from the past. We can then see that this translates onto the playground. They are tolerant and they understand each other, and are able to talk to each other and really get to grips with their own and others emotions to support each other in their wellbeing.

David Lord – Chief Executive Officer, Together Learning Trust

When they were asked about certain topics and certain things that were more about their social and personal development arts, media, and culture allows that creative imagination. It allows people to play out scenarios in their brain that can really get them to think deeply about the things around them and life.

Natalie Evans – Performing Arts Teacher, Greatworth Primary School

Here at the school we've performed 'Hairspray: Nicest kids in town' and the children have learnt about the situation with 'Hairspray: the musical' and the social issues and so it just opens their eyes to something outside of their village school life.

Students – Ryburn Valley High School

I wake up in the morning and I think 'Oh, I've got art today'. It's just a way of getting my feelings out on a piece of paper rather than holding it all in myself. It calms me down if I'm kind of angry. It's just really fun.