

Year 7 - 11

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We Value:

In Music we aim to show everyone what an exciting curriculum we have to offer. Students who enjoy playing, singing and composing are valued and our music rooms invite students to be creative and express themselves. Part of the curriculum for all pupils are playing instruments, singing and access to music technology.

We offer these Opportunities:

Students who enjoy playing music with others and want to develop their musical skills are able to join clubs such as: vocal group, music technology workshops and drumming most days at lunchtime or after school. We are currently offering rock band lessons on guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and vocals through our partners Rocksteady. We hope to play at school events later in the year.

We work closely with other departments to ensure there are cross curricular links, such as with Drama, Media Studies, Art and History.

In **Year 7** students study: Ensemble performance, Samba, ukulele, basic scales and music for events. We also focus on piano skills where students learn how to play with both hands and to use the electronic keyboards to recreate songs.

In **Year 8** students study: Rock 'n' Roll, keyboard skills, song writing, ukulele, more complex scales and film/media music composition. We encourage students to join the extra-curricular activities and be a part of our performances in and outside school.

In **Year 9** students study: Indian music, Blues, group drumming, ukulele performance, Western classical music and remixing/covers. They also continue developing keyboard skills and start being able to accompany others such as singers and the choir.

In **Year 10** there is more focus on performing and composition skills. Students start exploring music products and styles and focus on skills development for their BTEC course.

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In **Year 11** students review and deepen their study by consolidating their understanding of music from the classical period to the modern days. Continuing skills development leads to a final project called “Responding to a commercial music brief” to give real world experience of the music industry.

Our Successes:

We are improving our music technology resources so that all year 10 and 11 students can use a computer throughout their BTEC course. Other students will get the chance to use these too! This will enable our students to consistently make progress in performing, composing and music technology.

We now offer BTEC level 2 Music to all students in year 10 and 11.

As we are a small school, we are able to work very closely with every student in each year group to ensure they have the best possible support to fulfil their aspirations. With such a commitment by the school and the Music Department we are sure that students will enjoy music and many will continue on to study Music level 3 and then further on at degree level.