

Music

What are the aims of this course?



The main aim of the course is to perform and create music in a positive and stimulating learning environment through a combination of practical and theoretical elements. The course offers flexibility and choice to all learners and develops an understanding of music through composition, literacy, technology and listening activities.

What will I be learning about in this course?

There are **3** main elements to the course:

PERFORMING

You will extend your performing skills by playing more challenging music both in group work and solo work. You will develop more in depth knowledge and technical abilities through a predominantly performance based course.

COMPOSITION

You will have the opportunity to use your imagination and skills to create your own musical ideas - perhaps creating atmospheric sounds to portray a scene in a story, making up melodies against a given pattern of chords, or maybe writing a pop song. Compositions may be created using pencil and paper or using some of the latest technology in music software such as Garageband and Sibelius.

LISTENING

Understanding music as you listen to it helps you to enjoy it even more. You will listen to a variety of different styles and genres of music and comment on different aspects of the performance such as instrumentation, dynamics and structure.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

All pupils will have the opportunity to learn through whole class teaching, one-to-one tuition and working co-operatively with others in friendship groups.

How will my progress be monitored?

You will complete a reflective log following each performance where you plan your next steps in learning. Your progress will also be monitored through self/peer assessment, discussions and teacher observations.

What are the homework requirements?

Emphasis is placed on home practise with pupils expected to practise at home weekly or by agreement with staff to use department facilities. These skills are encouraged throughout their school careers as most emphasis is placed on practical work and performance ability in Music. On occasion, written/research based homework will be given where required, to extend your knowledge of a particular area of the course.

What might this course lead to in the future?

Pupils who achieve well will be encouraged to further their skills by progressing to National Qualifications in Music Performing and/or Music Technology. Careers in Music may include performing, teaching and sound engineering.

