



Subject

Music

“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.”

Albert Einstein

Curriculum Intent

Music is culture, creativity and collaboration. It demands skills in problem solving, team work, deciphering codes, listening and effective communication. Music gives us a chance to develop our own repertoire, set our own goals and challenge ourselves at every step.

Powerful knowledge in Music

The goal of our music programme is not to make everyone a professional musician, but to help everyone develop a love for music and to provide an opportunity for all students, no matter their background, to learn how to play a musical instrument, be capable of writing simple musical compositions and be able to analyse the music you hear daily.

Curriculum Features

In music lessons we learn to use guitars, keyboards, drums and our voices with confidence and control. Every music lesson involves performing, either as a whole class, in pairs or as soloists. We examine and experience music from the past and the present, and we compose our own music, developing new sounds and ideas.

Key stage 3 students develop instrumental skills and learn to read a variety of music notation. We enjoy musical styles as diverse as the blues, great European classical pieces, music from India, Indonesia and West Africa, and celebrated scores from film and television.

Our key stage 4 musicians can choose to follow the Music GCSE offered by Edexcel, or the more vocational NCFE Technical Award in Performance Skills.

Curriculum Enrichment

We love to see our students forming their own bands and making music together. We have regular concerts to showcase the wide variety of activities that happen outside of the lessons. It is the aim of this department to equip students with the knowledge and appreciation of where our music comes from and how it has developed, empowering everyone to find a meaningful place in the musical world.