



MUSIC

Knowledge in Music

Music can be separated into three different disciplines - performing music, composing music and listening and appraising music. The three branches of music are taught and developed together with the aim to build personal skills that students can draw upon to succeed, not only in music lessons but also beyond school life and in future employment. The life skills that are developed, and are at times explicitly taught, are an integral part of the development of the subject-specific skills as well as creating well-rounded individuals. We explore problem solving, perseverance, diligence, team work, time management, organisation, responsibility, cultural history, listening skills, confidence, social skills, discipline, self-evaluation, interpersonal skills and a sense of achievement.

Curriculum Features

The curriculum is structured based on the expectations for GCSE/BTEC Music. Key concepts, skills and terminology required by these courses are fed down into the schemes of work from Year 7 upwards. This is designed to raise expectations and standards from the start of KS3 and ensure that musical knowledge is being understood both practically and theoretically. Year 7,8 and 9 will study various musical genres, (historical and cultural) and through these different cultures and styles will explore, develop and refine their musical skills. Each topic will focus on one of the 3 subject specific skills, so that over the key stage students will return to these concepts enabling them to build and advance their knowledge and skill set further as they progress through the Key Stages.

Curriculum Enrichment

The Music Department has 6 practice rooms available after the school day for students to independently explore/rehearse on instruments such as the piano, guitar and drum-kit. We also have an all inclusive ensemble for students who want to sing after school every Tuesday. This provision is led by an experienced peripatetic singing teacher provided by Tees Valley Music Service.

The annual BTEC concert is led and managed by students in year 10 this provides all students with an opportunity to showcase their performances in front of an audience.