

Why do we learn Music?

Music offers our pupils the opportunity to develop creativity and self-expression, allowing them to explore their artistic potential and develop unique ways of thinking. It also cultivates discipline and perseverance, as mastering an instrument or vocal technique requires consistent effort and commitment. Furthermore, music enhances cognitive skills, including memory, attention span, and problem-solving abilities, whilst participating in musical ensembles teaches valuable teamwork and communication skills. Music offers pupils the opportunity to learn about other cultures, people, places and perspectives and time periods and we really value the way in which it allows our pupils to let their lights shine.

How do we learn in Music lessons?

Pupils explore a range of different genres and performance styles at Key Stage 3, learning both musical theory and more practical skills, including instrumentation and music production. Pupils also develop their knowledge of key concepts including rhythm, pitch and pulse, to ensure they are able to construct mental models and develop a broad understanding of the skills that are needed to create and compose their own music.

At Key Stage 4, pupils further build on the knowledge and skills developed at Key Stage 3, studying the Music BTEC. This course enables pupils to explore a range of different musical genres and styles and offers them the opportunity to develop sector-specific knowledge and skills in a practical way. The qualification encourages pupils to develop their own, individual skills, proving their aptitude in music through their own, personal response to a musical brief. From there, they'll develop their own understanding of what it takes to work in such a competitive industry, reflecting on effective strategies for rehearsal and performance. Their development of skills and styles enables them to showcase their own unique gifts and talents and to let their light shine in lessons and through involvement in extracurricular activities.

What do we learn in Music lessons?

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7	Rhythm and Pulse <i>Could Music exist without Rhythm and Pulse? Why do we study Music?</i>	Pitch Perfect <i>How important is Pitch- both musically and in everyday life?</i>	Musical Theatre <i>What's more important, melody or lyrics?</i>
Year 8	Skills development <i>Why are rhythm and pitch essential to music?</i>	The Blues <i>Why do/don't you think we should study music that has</i>	Rap & Hip Hop <i>How can different styles of rap have their own identities?</i>

	<i>What makes a versatile musician?</i>	<i>a dark history in today's society?</i>	
Year 9	Songwriting <i>How can we write a "good song"?</i>	Cover Versions <i>Is a cover version ever better than the original?</i>	Film Music <i>What would Films be like without Music?</i>
Year 10	Musical Genres <i>What is the impact of musical history?</i>	Skills Development <i>How can I work as a professional musician?</i>	
Year 11	Responding to a Music Brief <i>How can I develop skills to support me in the music industry?</i>		