

# Music

Music is a unique form of communication and as such enables students to develop skills that can be transferred to other subjects. The musical learning experience will include a range of activities.

- Understand key concepts that underpin the study of music
- Develop instrumental skills on keyboard, guitar and African drums
- Experiment with music technology making voice and instrumental recordings and musical compositions using audio and MIDI devices
- Collaborate with others as musicians as well as adapting to different musical roles and respecting the values of others

## KS3

### **Performing, Composing and Listening.**

Learners will take part in a variety of musical activities and will develop skills across these three main areas.

- Study, analyse and compose from a range of different musical traditions and cultures
- Using ICT and music technology to explore, compose and record ideas
- Investigate musical styles and concepts, including world cultures and popular music
- Perform to a range of audiences
- Work in groups of varying size and as a class
- Undertake the improvement of their work from self, peer and teacher assessments

Units that are currently being taught at KS3 are:

- Elements of Music
- African Drumming
- Blues
- Musical Recycling
- Reggae
- Rap Music
- Film Music
- Song Writing
- Pop Music
- Folk Music
- Rock Music

## KS4

From July 2016 the music department is aiming to offer GCSE Music as an optional subject.

GCSE Music helps students to develop subject knowledge, understanding and skills, through listening to a variety of music, playing music and creating their own music.

The AQA specification places a strong weighting on practical aspects of music (70 per cent), with choices catering for a wide range of interests and abilities. This four-unit GCSE assesses students' skills in listening and appraising, composing and performing music.

GCSE Music offers a solid foundation for progression to other music studies, including A-level Music, and often to a music-related career. The course provides the opportunity for students to develop valuable transferable skills such as self-confidence, concentration, creativity, evaluation and team work.

### **Homework**

Homework is a vital part of the music courses and includes a variety of different tasks, e.g. researching, assessing, analysing and written work. It is intended to be an extension of work done in the lesson or a preparation for the next lesson and it provides an opportunity to develop independent study skills. It is set every week.