

## **Welcome to the Music Department**

The Music Department is a busy and committed department and believes that 'Music is for all' regardless of age, gender, ability and interests. The department encourages all our musicians to develop their talents by giving them many opportunities to showcase and celebrate their successes.

RHSC Music Department have an enthusiastic team of two class teachers and ten peripatetic instrumental instructors;

Mr J Green (i/c of Music)  
Mr P Howling (Asst Teacher of Music)  
Mr Mike Tooby (Piano)  
Mr Terry Bunting (Electric Guitar & Bass Guitar)  
Mr Rob Ferris (Double Bass)  
Mr Noralf Mork (Voice)  
Mrs Helen Stowell (Cello)  
Mr David Collingsworth (Drumkit & Percussion)  
Mr Martin Eaton (Woodwind)  
Mr Dave Stowell (Brass)  
Mrs Sally Barnes (Violin)  
Mr Justine Breame (Acoustic & Classical Guitar)

Our instrumental instructors visit the school each week to provide tuition for instrumentalists and singers. These lessons take place either during lesson time on a rotational basis, or at lunchtimes.

### **Key Stage Three (Years 7, 8 and 9)**

In Year 7, 8 & 9, pupils have one hour a week of classroom music lessons in mixed ability classes. Lessons focus on developing performance, composition, listening and appraising skills.

### **Key Stage Four (Years 10 and 11)**

In Year 10, pupils have four lessons over two weeks.

In Year 11, pupils have five lessons over two weeks.

Pupils follow the EDEXCEL course for GCSE Music.

Pupils are assessed on three areas; Performing, Composing and Listening & Appraising.

### **Key Stage Five (Years 12 and 13)**

The department offers A Level Music which is a continuation from the EDEXCEL GCSE Music syllabus. The same structure of Performing, Composing and Listening & Appraising is followed; students are required to analyse set-works in great detail.

The department also offers A Level Music Technology. The course consists of three areas; The Principles and Practice of Music Technology, Popular Music Styles since 1910 and The Development of Technology-based Music.

### **Accommodation and Resources**

The Music department is situated on the ground floor and consists of one main teaching room, two practice rooms, a recording room/second teaching room, a control room and a music technology room.

The main room and recording room have their own interactive whiteboard and computer. The Music Technology room has nine computers with Cubase and Notion 4 software. Each practice room has a piano and manuscript whiteboard. The department is well resourced with several keyboards, guitars, three drum kits and three digital pianos.

### **Extra Curricular Activity and Trips**

Music is a thriving and important part of school life and we aspire for high standards of music making. The department runs the following ensembles;

Orchestra (Mondays 3.30pm – 4.30pm)  
Percussion Ensemble (Tuesdays 12.45pm – 1.20pm)  
Wind Band (Wednesdays 12.45pm – 1.20pm)  
String Ensemble (Thursdays 12.30pm – 1.00pm)  
Jazz Band (Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm)  
Choir (Fridays 12.45pm – 1.20pm)

Ensembles are open to all ages and abilities. All ensembles, as well as bands and soloists, have the opportunity to perform in concerts, carol services, events and assemblies.

The Music Department organises a trip to see the Opera or a Musical in the Summer Term.

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