

<b>Subject</b>	Music
<b>Curriculum intent</b>	We believe music should encourage engagement, and creativity in all students. It encourages and develops key skills such as leadership and teamwork, and can help teach diversity and equality. It is also a key subject to offer enrichment opportunities for pupils to help them see, hear, contribute and learn about music from all eras, genres and backgrounds.
<b>Key Stage 3</b>	At key stage three we offer a varied and challenging curriculum, covering a variety of genres and introducing pupils to a range of instruments. All students learn to read and perform from notation - both traditional and other, and compose using various mediums in a number of styles. We also develop student's use of musical language to discuss, appraise and compare music from all eras and traditions. In year 7 we focus on the elements of music and all students will learn to play the keyboard. In year 8 we build on this knowledge and introduce the guitar. Year 9 further develops all of these skills challenging students to use these instruments and their previous knowledge to compose, explore and perform to the next of their abilities. Students also have access to instrumental lessons and a number of super curricular clubs and opportunities.
<b>Key Stage 4</b>	At Key stage 4 we offer GCSE music. We follow the OCR specification. This is two year course and will use all of the skills students have gained in Key stage 3. Students will have the opportunity to perform on an instrument both as a soloist and as part of an ensemble. They will create two compositions bringing together their knowledge of the musical element and how music can be used for different purposes. The written exam will test their listening and appraising skills.
<b>Extra Curricular activities</b>	All students also have access to instrumental lessons on a variety of instruments from specialist staff. The music department also runs a number of super curricular clubs and opportunities. There is a musical theatre club run with the Drama department which stages annual musicals or showcases, a year 7 keyboard club and a Cheslyn Hay band.
<b>Key Stage 5</b>	N/A