

Faculty Introduction:

The Music department is a well resourced department consisting of two large teaching spaces all equipped with keyboards and Sibelius. Three good sized practice rooms equipped with pianos and drum kits. There is also a recording studio 'MAC room' housing state of the art Apple recording suite to be used by music students from year 9 upwards. Individual instrumental lessons with high quality visiting peripatetic teachers covering singing, piano, woodwind, guitar and drums.



Topics/Modules to be covered in the year:

Singing

Keyboard skills: more complex pieces; using simple chords to match points in songs –on Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar

Recorder: revisiting skills and extending range; Composing pieces based on short motifs; Extended use of elements of music – including wider range of timbre; Written work: reinforcing knowledge of treble stave and introducing Bass stave; reading more complex rhythms/musical maths.

Group-work – exploring extension activities.

Computer: extending Sibelius software skills. Simple improvisation over ostinato.

Assessment:

Continuous assessment.

All assessments contribute to the end of year National curriculum level.

Teacher Assessment

Self Assessment

Peer assessment.

Formal assessment in performing, composing and appraising music twice per half term.

Enrichment activities

Extra curricular:

SJF singers

Festival choir

Guitar club

Drum Club

Pop choir

Concert Bandits

Ukelele Club

Events:

Fisher Arts Festival

School Show

Open mic

Religious events

Summer showcase

Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

<http://gb.abrsm.org/en/home>

<http://www.musictheory.net/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music>