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Music at Wyedean School

Overview

At Wyedean we encourage learners to listen critically in order to expand their musical horizons, and to gain a deeper understanding of how music is constructed and the impact it can have. We provide learners the opportunity for collaboration, both within the curriculum and within our extra-curricular provision. This is gained through the shared experience of performing, composing, and listening to the music of others.

Resources

Developing resources in the department has been a priority and we now have available:

- a music suite, housed in the Performing Arts building, with adjoining practice rooms.
- a creative hub for use with KS4 and KS5 students
- access to the on-site Chepstow Community Music Centre that houses five fully resourced practice rooms, a larger rehearsal room and a recording studio.

Curriculum

Our curriculum allows learners to study a broad range of musical genres and to build basic musical skills that will enable learners to play and compose music acoustically and through music technology. It aims to equip students to pursue further musical skills, either at GCSE, A level and beyond, or as part of their own personal enjoyment and discovery.

- Learners are encouraged to build an understanding of how musical elements work through exploring music from a wide variety of genres and cultures.
- Our curriculum enables all learners to gain an aural knowledge of some of the great musical output of human civilisation and engage with creative processes through performance and composition.
- We promote an understanding of music's role in shaping individuals, culture, and community for good.
- We aim to nurture creativity, confidence and resilience through active learning and participation and encourage learners to discuss and reflect upon their own work and that of their peers.
- We seek to inspire successful collaboration, with learners able to access a wide range of extra-curricular groups and given the opportunity to watch and take part in live musical performances both within school and the wider community.

Music is taught to mixed-ability classes at all Key Stages. It is a compulsory subject at Key Stage 3 where students are taught for 2 hours per fortnight. Music is a popular option at Key Stages 4 and 5.

GCSE Music is currently offered at Key Stage 4. Key Stage 5 options currently include A level Music, BTEC level 3, and we are excited to offer Music technology A level from September 2025.

We offer Performing Arts as an option at KS4/5, and we also offer an extensive extra-curricular programme that currently includes clubs and an annual school production

Your application

We hope that the details included here, and available on our school website, encourage you to apply for the position of Teacher of Music at Wyedean. In your application, please outline what particular skills and strengths you could bring to the team, as well as any extra-curricular contributions you would be willing to make.