

## **The Music Department**

The Music Department consists of 2 full time Music Teachers, 13 Peripatetic Teachers and 1 Administrator.

In KS3, pupils study a variety of topics including learning skills on piano, ukulele, singing and learning to use tuned and un-tuned percussion. Composition, listening and analysis are also a major part of curriculum, allowing pupils to write their own music and understand the pieces of others. These skills all lead into supporting GCSE and A Level.

Our GCSE course is run both within the school timetable and as a twilight lesson. For both GCSE and A level, we use the Eduqas syllabus; pupils are assessed in the following areas: composing, listening, appraising and performing.

We have a dedicated team of visiting Instrumental staff who provide a range of instrumental lessons. Currently we offer 30 minute lessons on the following instruments:

Cello	Flute	Trombone
Clarinet	Harp	Trumpet
Classical guitar	Piano	Violin
Double bass	Rock guitar	Vocal tuition
Drum kit	Saxophone	
Electric bass	Theory of Music	

We run weekly clubs including Choir, Chamber Choir, Orchestra, Wind Group, Saxophone Group, String Group, Harp Club, Theory Group and have a school Jazz Band. We have a busy extra curricula programme of events from large scale events such as our Summer Music Festival 'Cadence' to our traditional Christmas candlelit concert. We also run smaller teatime concerts, giving pupils the chance to learn to perform or perfect their exam pieces to a small audience of family and friends.

We believe in encouraging all pupils of every musical taste to get involved and thrive.