



Music Department

Thank you for your interest in Hall Park Academy. The successful candidate will join a department in an exciting stage of development. Results are improving and the department is about to employ a new classroom teacher help further progress these results and assist in taking the department forward in and outside of the classroom.

For the Music department, Key Stage 3 is where we begin to 'shape' our students. This is the point at which good practice is established and the foundation for future success is laid down. Students are encouraged to enjoy the subject and gain confidence in the key elements and through exploration of areas such as sequencing, notation and keyboard skills. At GCSE, the school currently follow the Eduqas syllabus. Previously, there have been Key Stage 5 classes studying BTEC music and an improvement in numbers at this level will be a key focus.

The use of ICT is well-established within the school. The school's virtual learning environment encourages independent learning and 'Classcharts' allows students to access a wide variety of homework and independent tasks that enhances their knowledge and understanding. In addition, notation software in the form of Sibelius and recording software in Bandlab Edu, provides valuable opportunities for progress within and outside lessons.

The extra-curricular Music programme is well embedded at Hall Park and this includes clubs for Rock School, a Recorder Group, Two choirs and a Keyboard club. The school is looking for the extra-curricular programme to be developed to give broader opportunities outside of the curriculum to our students. Student's access a variety of lessons with visiting professionals including woodwind, guitar, drum, bass, keyboard and singing lessons. These provide great opportunities to students and valuable support for practical performance at GCSE.