

## **Music Department 2022**

### **Introduction**

Music is an integral part of school life at Imberhorne and students participate in a variety of concerts and events throughout the school year. The school is situated on a split site with two music classrooms at Windmill Lane, our KS3 site, and one classroom at Imberhorne Lane where KS4 and KS5 are.

### **Staff and Accommodation**

At Windmill Lane (KS3) there are two teaching rooms on this site with additional practice rooms. Both classrooms have keyboards, ukuleles, djembes and classroom percussion. We also have two whole class sets of iPads running garage band and a suit of music applications.

The Imberhorne Lane (KS4 and KS5) music block has practice rooms, a dedicated music mac suit running garage band, Sibelius and logic pro. We also have a mobile recording set up and have a range of studio equipment, microphones and a vocal isolation booth.

In addition to this we have our dedicated school performance space the Di Gasson studio in which concerts and performances take place. This is fully set up with a sound desk, speakers and lighting rig. Music shares a technician with Drama and Performing Arts.

### **Academic Performance**

In Key Stage 4 attainment and progress is strong, on average, in the three years of externally assessed exams 77% of students gained a grade 4 or above.

In Key Stage 5 nearly 100% of students attained a Distinction in music performance.

### **Curriculum and extra-curricular provision**

In Key Stage 3 (Year 7 – Year 9) students have one lesson of music a week. They are taught in mixed ability groups.

In Key Stage 4 students study Eduqas GCSE Music. And have five lessons a fortnight. At Key Stage 5 students' study BTEC level 3 music performance. There are overlaps in the Sixth Form with our performing Arts course.

There is a busy programme of extra-curricular music at Imberhorne, singing groups, school bands, ukulele groups, rock bands and drop in sessions. These groups perform at numerous events throughout the year including open evenings, Christmas functions, various concerts at upper and lower schools, the Yr11 graduation ceremony and our summer community festival I-fest. The music department also reaches out to the local community and has been involved with organising dementia friendly singing sessions, fund raising at Gatwick airport and various other local community events.

Instrumental lessons are thriving at the school with a variety of instruments being taught by external peripatetic tutors. Relations with students and standards of behaviour are exceptionally good and music has a very positive profile in the school enjoying support from students, parents and colleagues.