



THE HOLLINS

THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT MUSIC

Music at The Hollins is part of the Visual and Performing Arts Department, which is popular and well established. There is one music teacher, who works as part of a closely working Visual and Performing Arts team. This team consists of one music teacher, one drama teacher and two art teachers.

The music room is well equipped with a large teaching room housing a full set of keyboards, a mixture of percussion instruments including a samba kit and a classroom set of ukuleles. There has recently been a significant investment in the IT infrastructure in the classroom and there are 10 PCs, each with their own audio interface and a copy of Cubase 10.5 Elements. The teacher's PC also has a copy of Cubase 10.5 Pro. There are two practice rooms and one of these contains an iMac with a larger audio interface and a copy of Logic Pro X.

In Year 7, pupils study Music as part of a Performing Arts course, run on rotation in collaboration with Drama. Year 8 pupils receive Music lessons for one hour a week and then in Year 9, they engage with music as part of a carousel curriculum. Students who opt for GCSE Music currently study the AQA specification.

There are several opportunities for students to engage with music outside of their curricular hours. The Music Department runs a school choir, a samba band, a GCSE extra-curricular group and a ukulele club. These ensembles have opportunity to play at a wide variety of school and community events. In addition to this, the whole department works in collaboration to deliver whole school productions, with the most recent being a successful performance of 'Grease' in 2019.

There are currently six visiting peripatetic teachers giving students the opportunity to learn to play piano, guitar (including ukulele and bass), clarinet, saxophone, flute, bassoon, trumpet and trombone, drums, and singing lessons. There are currently over 70 students who participate in these lessons each week.