



Our Philosophy

The Arts are the most inclusive subjects as everyone can achieve something. Making something with your own hands, the identification a young person has with that is extremely powerful. It produces confidence, which enables them to achieve in every other subject, plus it brings them joy, playfulness and a sense of achievement and it helps them to feel comfortable about making mistakes.

The quotation above encapsulates Music at Heart of England. We aim to deliver a curriculum that inspires and stretches the musically able whilst nurturing new and emerging musicians. Music provides equal opportunities for learners whatever their background to experience a wide range of musical contexts.

Accommodation

The Music department is situated in two main classrooms and has a dedicated block of 6 good sized practice rooms which are used by all Key Stages. One music classroom will host 15 brand new computers operating SoundTrap and the other classroom hosts 15 keyboards. We also have 6 drum kits, set up for classroom band projects, class ukuleles, Samba kit and a selection of class percussion.

Teaching Staff

All staff in the department have a genuine enthusiasm and passion for teaching Music and care about our students. The department regularly engages with peer lesson observations, department planning and discussions in order to interrogate and refine our curriculum offer.

Courses

At KS3 students are taught in mixed ability groups for at least two hours per fortnight. They access a range of skills and knowledge through the varied curriculum. The curriculum allows for sufficient breathing space to revisit previously covered material and to ensure there is time to fill in any gaps in understanding. There are two main assessments a year in KS3.

KS4 students study the OCR specification. We teach in mixed ability groups across the key stage and all lessons are taught by subject specialists.

At KS5 students study the OCR Specification specialising in either Performance or Composition.