

The WHS Music Team

The team comprises of two specialist teachers and five visiting tutors. Music classrooms are well resourced with full keyboards, guitars and one ICT suite. We are a strong, enthusiastic team, which values collaboration, Creativity and innovation. The Music department are an active part of whole school life and regularly support out of school ventures.

Our ethos is:

- To teach a curriculum which both challenges and supports all students.
- To develop staff and enable them to be the best they can be.
- To promote a curriculum which fosters independent learning.
- To deliver a curriculum which prepares students to succeed at GCSE and beyond.
- To ensure that our curriculum fosters enjoyment of Music at all Key Stages.
- To engrain creativity in all young learners through singing and removing the fear of failure

Curriculum design:

KS3- Years 7 and 8 study a rich and interesting curriculum that develops instrumental and theory skills. The three pillars of Music are key to the curriculum. Performance, Composition and appraisal.

KS4- We run two classes at KS4 including a BTEC Level 2 and the Edexcel GCSE 9-1 course. Both classes perform regularly at live venues and all students support the extra provisions in school.

KS5- In KS5 we offer BTEC Level 3 National Certificate and Year 13 also study the Edexcel A Level music course.

Enrichment:

Our department promotes engagement, creativity and drive. Students participate in Music festivals, local gigs, open mic nights, local orchestras/choirs and School Concerts. There is a real buzz around the department throughout Key Stage 3 and we have over 100 students learning Music with an instrumental or vocal tutor in school.