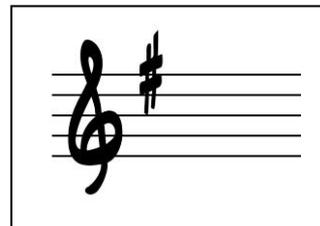


MUSIC



Y9 Content & Skills

This course is **open to everybody**, whether you have a lot of musical experience or not. If you already learn a musical instrument, then this is definitely the right course for you, but we also welcome students who do not play an instrument if they are willing to work hard. The course will build on work from Years 7 & 8, focussing on **Composing, Performing and Listening and Appraising**. We use music software to create your own compositions and explore group ensemble performances in a range of styles including:

Areas of Study

- African Music Traditions and Cultural Fusions
- Music for Film (create a film score of your own)
- Popular music (start up your own band)
- Christmas Vocal traditions (experience a wide variety of historical developments)
- Musical theatre (stage your own mini-production).

Preparation for GCSE

The music course is designed to allow students to further explore their own musicality up to the end of Year 9 and to provide opportunities suitable for the **preparation of GCSE music** studies. Throughout Year 9 you will be encouraged to perform in group ensemble work to the best of your ability and will cover a wide range of topics from Classical traditions, to forming your own Pop band, creating your own Film scores and mixing African drumming with other music genres. You will be given access to current music software alongside using a range of acoustic instruments to ensure that music lessons, whilst instructive, are also tremendous fun. You will develop skills in composing in a variety of different genres, styles and traditions. Alongside this you will develop your analytical skills in understanding harmony, texture, tonality, melody and instrumentation of other composers' work. You will also develop your skills in writing effectively about the music that you have studied. These are important elements if you are considering studying music at GCSE level.

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