

Frequently Asked Question KS3 Music



How often do we have Music?

In Year 7 and 8 you have Music lessons once a fortnight. In Year 9 the Performing Arts subjects (Dance, Drama and Music) are taught on a rotation, so you learn one discipline for 6 weeks before rotating. Therefore you cover two different topics in Music over the whole of Year 9.

What instruments do we learn in Music?

We mainly use the keyboards but there will be opportunities for you to use the Ukuleles, Guitars and percussion instruments. If you already play another instrument you will have a chance to use them within certain units.

What if I have no Music experience?

This is no problem at all! The schemes we have are designed to gently introduce you to the 'world of music' in a fun atmosphere .

What do we learn in Music?

Students obviously learn specific Music terminology, but they also develop other transferable skills that are useful in life such as: problem solving, collaboration, listening skills, reflection, organisation, group work skills, hand eye coordination and time management.

What should I do if I want to learn another instrument?

Initially speak to Mrs Shuttleworth and your parents. We have teachers who visit the Academy once a week specifically to teach Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Piano, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Voice and Drum kit. These lessons are 30 minutes long and happen during the school day. You will be released from your timetabled lessons to attend on a rotational basis. These lessons do however come at a cost.

How are you assessed in Music?

Students are graded with a Developing/Secure/Advanced/Exceptional see assessment criteria section. All students have a pre-assessment which they watch back, noting WWW (What Went Well) and EBI (Even Better If), then selecting targets for improvement before the final assessment with the aim to improve grades.

