

A MUSICAL SUCCESS

Our Music department offers a wide range of musical opportunities for all pupils of all ability levels. This ranges from learning to play new instruments in the classroom to representing the school and the authority both in the community and even abroad. The department actively encourages all pupils to become involved in one or more areas which may be of interest to them. The department, which is led by Mrs Hands, has 3 further teaching staff – Miss McConnell, Mrs Hopton and Mrs Galvin and 6 different North Ayrshire Music Instructors – Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Muir, Mr McBride, Mr Costa, Mrs Hendrie, MrsMcLean- Buechel.

In addition to the department's core business of teaching our pupils during the day, there is a strong emphasis on extra curricular activity. A whole range of activities currently offered are shown below:

S1 & S2 Singing Club	S3- S6 Girls Singing Club
Boys & Girls Singing Club	Saxophone Group
Flute Group	Senior Band

Concerts and Shows

The department work with pupils throughout the year, with the opportunity given to perform at the Winter and Spring Concerts along with the Next Generation Concert in June. In addition to this, many of our pupils and groups represent the school within the local and wider community. With our new qualification of Music Leaders now being offer in the senior school, many of our extra curricular groups are pupil led and are also involved in the organising and running of our concerts.

A number of our pupils, through continued practice, are able to become skilled musicians and go on to represent the school in competitions with a number of recent successes. Competitions entered include the North Ayrshire Young Singer, Musician and Traditional Young Musician of the year and the Rock and Pop Musician of the Year. We have also been successful at both Ayrshire and Glasgow Music Festivals.

Pupils have had the chance to also perform abroad in Belgium, France and Holland where successful concerts were performed. This is an excellent way of allowing our pupils to broaden their horizons and promote themselves and the school to a wider audience. Trips to London are also on offer when pupils have the chance to take part in dance and vocal workshops given at Pineapple Studios and experience West End Shows.

In June 2019 we travelled further afield when an Expressive Arts Trip was organised to New York! Forty three pupils and 4 members of staff flew over the Atlantic and experience 2 Broadway Shows, a visit to the Metropolitan Art Gallery and of course managed to squeeze in some sightseeing and shopping!

In June 2020, our biannual school show will be "Bugsy Malone". The confidence and self belief that pupils gain from their involvement in these extra curricular activities is undoubtedly one of the major successes

