

# Music in S3

## Aim of courses

To ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to create, perform and respond positively to music. Pupils will be encouraged, across a range of abilities, to develop their skills through a variety of activities, opportunities and experiences.

## Why study Music?

Music courses allow pupils to develop their creativity, organisation and confidence through performing, composing and listening to Music. The level of discipline required and developed by this subject is highly transferrable and the experience of making music is extremely motivating and rewarding. This course allows you to develop the skills and knowledge required to proceed to further study and/or follow a career in music.

## Music

This course consists of three units:

### → **Performing**

- Play two instruments or one instrument and voice.
- Perform at least 2 pieces on each instrument.
- Become competent in performing at ABRSM/Trinity Grade 2 Level.
- Perform at least 2 minutes on one instrument.
  
- **Composing** Creating music using appropriate concepts.
- Develop musical literacy and experiment in writing your own music.
- Compose, improvise and/or arrange your own music.
- Provide evidence of progress in creating music in different styles.

### → **Listening**

- Listen to music from a variety of musical styles.
- Identify and recognise specific music concepts, as well as music signs and symbols used in music notation.
- Question paper based on recorded excerpts of music and musical literacy.

## Assessment

- A marked performance on your two chosen instruments.
- A listening paper covering concepts learned in class.
- Completed booklet on a variety of compositional techniques.

**Further advice and information is available from Mr Ratcliff**