



Curriculum Statement - Music

Music is an integral part of day to day life, whether it's heard on an advert, listening to the radio, learning an instrument or going for a run with your headphones in. For many it provokes an emotional response and provides opportunities to relieve stress and build confidence. Learning a musical instrument helps to develop language and reasoning. This discipline promotes craftsmanship, develops coordination and pattern recognition skills.

Music lessons at St Ives School engage students in taking part in a broad and balanced curriculum that covers everything from Mozart style theme and variation to forming a Samba Band. Our students leave their music education with a deep understanding of cultures, both locally and from around the world; coupled with opportunities that inspire creativity and imagination. Our practical and engaging music lessons also offer a great deal of fun – from sing-offs to building a revolting rondo sandwich!

Extracurricular opportunities are central to the Music Department at St Ives School. We offer a wide variety of exciting ensembles for students to explore. Many of the ensembles do not require students to have previously learned an instrument so are accessible to all ages and abilities. Our program includes Pop Choir, Soul Band, Boys Choir, School Band, Samba, Karaoke and The Live Lounge. At Ukulele Factory, students can build, design, learn and take home their very own ukulele! Throughout the year students take part in competitions and performances alongside Music for Youth which is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the students emerging talent. Students also prepare for a large-scale music festival in the Summer Term and a winter performing arts showcase, providing essential links with dance and drama.

From critical thinking to decoding, those who study music gain a wide range of skills which are transferable to a wide range of careers. People often think the music industry is confined to singers and musicians. It is a dynamic and fast-moving industry that carves paths for people in performance, recruitment, education, marketing and PR, management and music journalism just to name a few. There are a range of courses at local colleges for post 16 study that include Stage Management, Music Technology, Music Performance and A level Music.

"Music can change the world" Beethoven