

# Expressive Arts - Music

## Overview

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. Here at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School we aim to engage and inspire learners to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Studying music requires personal application, perseverance and close attention to detail, dispositions that contribute to making learners ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives.

Experiencing music as part of the wider expressive arts can engage learners physically, socially and emotionally, nurturing their well-being, self-esteem and resilience. This can help them become healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

## KS3

At KS3, learners will experience a variety of practical musical activities within a diverse range of musical genres from all over the world, including Welsh folk music, music from China and Japan, and Gamelan from the Indonesian islands of Java and Bali. They will perform, compose and listen to music, making links to the other expressive arts subjects through a shared timeline. Learners will develop their keyboard skills throughout the key stage and are encouraged to bring their own instruments to lessons.

## KS4

At KS4, learners further develop their performing, composing and listening skills through the following areas of study:

1. Musical Forms & Devices
2. Music for Ensemble
3. Film Music
4. Popular Music.

Learners will also have the opportunity to engage with music from Wales within a number of traditions, including folk music and popular music.

## Flintshire Music Service

In partnership with Flintshire Music Service, we are able to offer weekly instrumental and vocal tuition here at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School. Learners can also access a variety of high quality county ensembles including Choir, Jazz Band, String Orchestra and Wind Band.

