

SUBJECT: Music

YEAR: 7, 8 & 9

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mr J Andrews

GROUPING POLICY: Mixed Ability

COURSE CONTENT: National Curriculum for Music

What will my child learn?

- Performing – in addition to singing, students have the use of electronic keyboards and tuned/un-tuned percussion. There are opportunities for individuals to use their own instruments in the classroom.
- Composing – in addition to investigating the use of the musical elements, students explore a range of styles and techniques from the European Classical tradition and non-western traditions.
- Listening & Appraising – listening skills are used in every music lesson and are fundamental to improving musical knowledge and understanding. There are listening tests to consolidate learning at the end of each topic and students peer assess work in the classroom via listening activities.

What will homework look like?

One per topic; written or research based and available to all students. Many of the homework tasks take the form of extended written tasks that focus on a particular composer or musician's contribution to a form or style of music.

What enrichment opportunities are available?

- Orchestra – Thursdays 3 - 4pm for students who have attained grade 2 standard;
- Flute Ensemble;
- Wind Ensemble;
- Swing Band – Thursdays 3 – 4pm for advanced brass and woodwind players;
- Concerts in the local community;
- Concert tours abroad.

ASSESSMENT

How will my child's work be assessed?

Teachers will award a KS3 level at the end of each term for the topic covered. This grade will also be recorded on the front cover of the student's exercise book to demonstrate progress.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

Listen to and discuss music; encourage your child to listen to a wide range of musical artists and genres.

Instrumental or singing lessons either at school or at privately at home. Rednock offers a full instrumental peripatetic service for both classical and popular musical instruments. Although there are a number of instruments that students may borrow from the school, instruments may be hired on a termly basis from the 'Gloucestershire Music Hub' in Gloucester GL1 4AD.

