

## Department of Music

### All Saints Catholic High School

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The Music Department currently comprises of two part-time music teachers and a team of six peripatetic instrumental teachers. Music and drama are closely linked as a Performing Arts team.

The facilities include one multi-purpose music room, a mac suite containing eighteen iMacs and six practise rooms. Other department resources include a number of keyboards, guitars, drum kits, ten MacBook pros, and a class set of African drums as well as tuned and untuned percussion.

The philosophy of the department is based around the need to teach music musically, in a creative environment that offers students as many opportunities as possible to develop their listening, composing and performing skills. The department is committed to the raising of standards through a range of practical and written assessments and students are encouraged to take an active role in their learning, often evaluating their own and others' work.

Key Stage 3 Music is taught in year 7 for one hour per week and on a half-termly rotation with drama in Y8. A wide variety of musical styles and genres are studied developing musical skills practically preparing students for music GCSE.

At Key Stage 4 Music is an optional subject where students choose to study GCSE Music in Y9 onwards. The department follows the AQA specification delivering an integrated programme covering all the required elements of performing, composing and listening.

The department is currently reviewing suitable Level 3 courses for Post 16 students.

The department is committed to developing its extracurricular programme which currently includes:

- All Saints Voices. A vocal ensemble open to all students from Y7 to Y13.
- Beginner Rock Band. A lunchtime club for students of all year groups to develop their skills in rock and popular music performance.
- Band. The school band is open to all students who are experienced in reading music.
- Music Showcase. All students are welcome to audition for our annual music concert which features many ensembles and soloists from across the school.
- An annual Musical Production. Previous productions have included Back to the 80s, Little Shop of Horrors and High School Musical.

The appointed candidate will join a successful and forward thinking Department which is dedicated to providing an excellent and creative learning environment for all its students.