

Music at Weston Secondary School

Why do you learn Music at WSS?

Learning about music, having the opportunity to play musical instruments and collaborating with others to create music is a vital part of a rich and rounded education. Music plays a key role in your brain's development, because it helps with the nurturing of language, motor skills, emotional intelligence and collaboration skills.

By the end of year 7 we aim for all WSS students to be enthusiastic participators who can express musical ideas creatively and with flare. They are confident vocalists and can perform confidently on more than one instrument and in a variety of musical contexts with a superb audience awareness. Their listening and appraising skills are excellent.

What to expect in Music lessons at WSS

You will learn to play a variety of musical instruments in year 7 including (but not limited to) keyboard, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, drumkit, tuned percussion and samba drums. You will use these instruments along with your own voice to explore a range of musical styles from around the world. As well as developing your performance and ensemble skills in a safe and friendly environment, year 7 students will also learn to compose their own music and arrange the music of others.

What is taught in year 7 Music?

Throughout year 7 student's study 6 topics that will develop their musical knowledge and skills in performance, composition, analysis/ musical appreciation and arrangement. These are:

The Language of Music
Notating Winter
Introducing the Piano
Introducing the Orchestra
Samba Batacuda/ Ukulele
Band Camp

For more details on what you'll learn in each of these units, please click [here](#).

What do we offer outside the standard Music curriculum?

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of musical clubs and ensembles outside of the classroom. Our vocal groups, mini-rock school bands, guitar ensemble, percussion troupe and show bands meet every week and regularly perform at school concerts and whole-school events. All clubs and ensembles are free to join and open to all students.

We also have a team of dedicated instrumental tutors who offer one-to-one or small group lessons for a variety of musical instruments including vocals, piano, strings, guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and woodwind.