

# GCSE Music



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

## AIM:

This course aims to develop your skills as a musician through performance, composition and theory, providing the opportunity for you to gain confidence and team working skills through performing with others. The course has been designed to enable you to enjoy and appreciate the benefits of being involved in playing music, making music and understanding music, as well as extending your creative skills.

## Where will it take you?

- Music helps you to develop a number of transferrable skills such as confidence, creativity and independence.
- 'A' Level Music.
- Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate in Music Performance.

Musicians are amazing people. Not only do they know how to perform on their instrument(s) and/or with their voices, but they can also create their own music. They can work with other people, be creative, and show discipline when practicing. They can listen to lots of different types of music and describe in detail what they hear. In order to understand music and how it works a musician's knowledge spans Maths, English, Physics, Biology, Technology, History, Geography, Languages, Politics, Art and Culture.

## What will you learn?

You will develop your knowledge around the building blocks of music through the study of different styles of music. This will enable you to develop your skills in music performance, listening, recording and composition. You will be given the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument of your choice with specialist instrumental teachers and through this, will learn how to develop self-motivation and independent learning skills. You will be given the opportunity to create your own pieces of music using the latest music software, which will develop and encourage your imagination whilst building on your knowledge of music. All of this will be done with access to a wide selection of resources and specialist learning equipment.

## **How will you learn?**

- Composition (writing your own music).
- Performance opportunities
- Solo and group performances.
- Listening to and studying different styles of music.
- Music theory.
- Listening exam and mock exams to prepare.

## **What skills will you need to be successful in this subject?**

In order to effectively learn to play an instrument, you need to show commitment and enthusiasm. Having an instrument at home to practice on is desirable but not essential. It is important to understand that everyone has different musical preferences and you should be open to studying music from a range of different cultures and styles. A willingness to build on your confidence and develop your skills in performance will also help you to succeed in this subject.

## **What homework can you expect?**

You will be set weekly Knowledge Organiser tasks based on your classroom studies as well as listening and practical tasks. You will also be given the opportunity to stay behind after school to make use of the departmental facilities

## **Additional requirements**

You should be totally committed to developing a wide range of musical techniques and be prepared to communicate through team work and individual assignments. You are encouraged to form bands / join extra-curricular activities. You will be expected to perform in front of your class, but your teacher will create a comfortable environment for this to happen, thus helping you to improve your confidence in the long run.

**For further information please see Miss Hughes**