

## **Music Development Plan**

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## **Music at Cardinal Pole Catholic School**

In Years 7 to 9, curriculum music lessons at KS3 are currently 50 mins a week. The current GCSE group has 3 50 min music lessons a week, so 2 hrs 30 of music in total. Music assemblies then take place with each individual year groups, where singing is the focus.

The current music curriculum at KS3 enables students to learn a range of musical skills across each term on various instruments (voice, keyboard and djembe primarily) with assessments taking place at the end of each half term. KS3 curriculum lessons cover performing, composing and listening and appraising which feeds into the requirements of the Eduquas GCSE specification. For SEND students at KS3 the curriculum is adapted accordingly. For those with very specific needs, lessons comprise of 25 mins of adapted curriculum time and 25 mins of steel pan lessons with a specialist teacher.

The school offers a range of peripatetic music tuition for students across all year groups on a wide range of instruments (piano, voice, woodwind, brass, strings and percussion). Lessons are 25 mins a week and take place during lesson time, rotating across the term. FSM students' lessons are fully subsidised with non FSM students paying £30 a term. GCSE music students also have free instrumental lessons as part of their allocation. Students have the opportunity to take graded instrumental exams (ABRSM and Trinity) which are also paid for by the school. Students with no access to the instruments they require to practice are given instrumental loans.

The school has a choir (for KS3) and a Gospel choir (for KS5), a percussion club and a band club. There are four practice rooms as well as the main classroom in the department that students are able to utilise at break and lunch times if they would like to do so.

At the end of autumn term, there is a Carol Service which is led by Year 7. Each form leads one of the hymns for the service. There is a school musical at the end of the Spring Term and a specific music concert towards the end of the Summer term. Cardinal Pole has also worked in partnership with the Guildhall to enable a project with our current Year 10 students, which is a musical collaboration between us and one of our local secondary schools. Students who take

part in extra curricular clubs are also offered access to trips outside of curriculum time, such as 'Hamilton', which are again, fully subsidized.

Looking forward to the future we aim to have one musical performance per term, whether it be a concert or more student led (such as a talent show). We also aim to have all students who are receiving instrumental lessons to be involved in extra curricular ensembles as a compulsory requirement.