

WOODKIRK HIGH SPECIALIST SCIENCE SCHOOL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

STAFF

- Mrs K Clarke (Head of Music)
- Mrs R Dixon (KS3 – 5 music teacher and Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator)
- Mr N Gage (KS3 music and KS5 Music technology)

ACCOMODATION/RESOURCES

- Three teaching classrooms, all with approximately 15 keyboards
- Two practice rooms used mainly for instrumental lessons
- Two computer rooms (one named as the music technology centre)
- The department currently has 20 computers used to compose music, research and to manipulate recordings for music technology, as well as five lap tops.
- Software includes Sibelius, Cubase, Reason and Dance EJay
- The music technology centre boasts a 24 track recording desk and a portable eight track recorder
- The music department now has over 30 microphones used at concerts both in school and the community and to create department CDs.

KEY STAGE 3

The Key Stage 3 curriculum offers to introduce students to performing, composing and listening. The current Key Stage 3 curriculum is as follows:

Year 7

- Time and metre
- Chants
- Pentatonic scale
- The Orchestra
- Rap Music

Year 8

- Reggae Music
- Introduction to chords
- Musical theatre
- Theme & Variations
- Music around the World

Year 9

- Samba Music
- Continuing Chords
- Musical Theatre
- The Blues
- Pop Music

KEY STAGE 4

GCSE Music (AQA)

Students study music through composing, performing and listening. Pupils study a wide range of musical styles from Classical to pop and World music. To assist students in their performing coursework, GCSE students are given the opportunity to have free instrumental lessons at school on one instrument of their choice.

KEY STAGE 5

AS/A2 Level Music (AQA)

This continues from GCSE Music and again allows students to experience music through composing, performing and listening.

They also have to analyse set works from a Classical Period and excerpts of Musical theatre.

Again, students are offered free instrumental lessons on one instrument of their choice which they are expected to attend in free periods.

Students are also encouraged to take part in extra curricular activities and where possible to lead or organise small groups. Many A level students also assist teaching staff in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Music lessons.

Music Technology (EDEXCEL)

AS Level

Students have to complete the following:

- Realised sequence of a pop song
- Arrangement of a song in a particular style
- Multi-track recording of a song from 1910 onwards using up to 16 tracks
- Listening exam specialising on two areas of study

A2

- Realised sequence and integration of live audio
- Composition, responding to a given brief
- Recording up to 24 tracks
- Production skills including editing, shaping and manipulate

Extra Curricular

Monday

Upper School Choir

Tuesday

Orchestra

Wednesday

Lower School orchestra

Soul band

Thursday

Swind Band (Combination of Swing and Wind band)

Friday

Keyboard Club

The department also runs rehearsal with singer and a show band for the annual School Musical.

Peripatetic lessons

Instrumental lessons are available for any student in the school on a variety of instruments. Lessons are paid for termly or weekly and are taught within the school day, Students on free school dinners or studying GCSE or A Level Music are entitled to free lessons.

The following lessons are currently being taught:

- Strings
- Guitar
- Singing
- Drums
- Brass
- Woodwind
- Accordion

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to give piano lessons but a keyboard club is available for any student.