

HAZELWICK SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Accommodation and Resources

The Music Department has two specialist teaching rooms. Both are equipped with a suite of PCs, running Cubase 14 and Musescore. Both rooms have a full set of keyboards, ukeleles, and a drum kit, in addition to many acoustic, electric, and bass guitars and amps. The department also boast, a large ensemble teaching space with computers, a studio and live room, 6 practice rooms and an instrument storage room. The department has recently been totally refurbished making it an excellent environment for both one to one and class teaching.

Staff

The Department is led by a full-time Head of Music, assisted by a full-time music teacher and a part-time technician. In addition, there is a team of 9 peripatetic teachers, who offer instrument lessons to over 90 students in the usual range of instruments as well as DJing.

Academic Curriculum

All students in Key Stage 3 receive a weekly one-hour Music lesson. Currently, Year 7 and 8 is taught in mixed ability form groups of between 27 and 30. GCSE Music (Eduqas) and BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice (Music Tech) is taught at Key Stage 4, usually with a full class on each course, in each year group. We also offer the RSL Music Level 3 Diploma for Music Practitioners to Y12 and 13.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Music Department runs several ensembles including a school choir, senior choir, orchestra, senior band, and a drumming group. The department delivers 2/3 concerts per year and joins forces with Drama to deliver a whole school production every other year, most recently Annie in 2024. These ensembles are great fun, and the students are really engaged with them. We are always looking for new opportunities and have recently engaged with organisations such as Glyndebourne, participating in song writing and performance workshops and also teams from Wicked and Les Misérables delivering workshops to particular groups.

The department has been awarded Music Mark status for the past four consecutive years through West Sussex Music in recognition of our work.



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