



Music Department Details

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This post is an exciting prospect for a talented and ambitious professional to join Fulford School as Curriculum Leader for Music. It offers the opportunity to build a new team, following the external promotion of the current post holder, to develop excellence in learning and achievement and to build on the great work that has taken place in the department in recent years.

The Music curriculum is delivered in two classrooms, both of which house specialist equipment. One of our rooms is dedicated to World Music topics, with enough equipment to teach whole class African Drumming, Samba and Taiko drumming to students during KS3. In Year 7, students also use this room to complete a keyboard composition topic. The second classroom is home to our JamPod equipment and allows each KS3 year group to work through band projects and develop a range of skills on a variety of instruments. Our large team of visiting peripatetic staff teach out of the 4 available Practice Rooms.

Music has a curriculum allocation of 1 hour a week at KS3 (Year 7 and 8) and 5 hours a fortnight for the Year 9, 10 and 11 GCSE classes. A-Level Music is offered as part of our shared offer with Archbishop Holgate's School and is currently taught at their site. We are, however, keen to develop our A level numbers to enable a sustainable A level offer within our school.

The profile of the Music department both in and out of school has risen in recent years. As a result, GCSE student numbers have also increased, with the current Year 9 group consisting of 21 students. This is a real strength to build on in difficult times for Music as a subject nationally.

The Music Department has showcased the talents of our students on a regular basis. Students often take on leadership roles within the department, running ensembles alongside staff, developing their own work and supporting students younger than themselves in their music making. The school has demonstrated a commitment to supporting the creative arts by funding a refurbishment of the School Hall, which now houses an industry standard lighting rig and is a performance space to be proud of. Our extra-curricular offer currently includes:

- South York MAT Orchestra, with 50+ student members from Fulford and our feeder primary schools.
- Annual whole school musical production in partnership with the Drama Department (We Will Rock You, 2018)
- Concert Band
- String Group
- Jazz Ensemble
- Whole School Choir
- Staff Choir
- Show Chorus
- Show Band
- Friday lunchtime student band rehearsals using department equipment.

The department has also been successfully involved with projects outside of school:

- CAPE UK funded project in conjunction with external arts company, leading to the school being awarded the York Culture Award 2017.
- Annual participants at York Choral Festival.
- Various performances across York to benefit charities and other organisations.
- A number of trips and visits to see shows and encourage student involvement in Music outside of school.

Our school leadership is committed to the development of Music and the Arts and as such this is an excellent opportunity for someone seeking a leadership career in this area.

