**MUSIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

Music is a popular subject taught across the school curriculum with 3 lessons per fortnight at key stage 3 and 5 lessons per fortnight at key stage 4.

The department has 2 well equipped, purpose built classrooms with 2 members of staff, one being the head of department. Each room has 16 keyboards and both rooms have 16 computers running Mixcraft software. These are used in key stage 3 and 4 for performance/composition work. There is a selection of tuned and untuned percussion (Djembes, Samba instruments & xylophones). There are 8 practice rooms.

Key stage 3 class sizes are around 30 students and key stage 4 15 – 20. The subject is offered as an option at GCSE (Edexcel board). The department is paperless with all assessments/homework completed via Google Classroom.

Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of the school with over 100 students having instrumental tuition. The department runs a wide range of ensembles including Show Choir, Advanced Vocals, Show Band, Advanced Instrumentals, Woodwind, Guitar and Boomwhacker ensembles.

Two main concerts are performed per year with various other performances for school events and local community requests. Every other year the department supports a whole school musical. Our last musical was ‘School of Rock’.