

KS3 Curriculum INTENT

At Caldew School we aim to provide a music curriculum which:

- Equips students with performing skills across a range of instruments so that they can be competent musicians and engage in a range of practical music making both as soloists and as part of an ensemble
- Is as **rich, inspiring and broad** as possible to allow students to widen their horizons across a range of musical styles.
- Provides the **depth** that enables students to **master** the key knowledge and skills essential for each key area: performing, composition and listening and appraising.
- Is **well-designed, inclusive** and carefully **sequenced** to provide all students with a rigorous foundation for future progress to GCSE Music and beyond.
- Provides students with opportunities to take their curriculum **beyond the classroom** to develop their **love of music, independence, collaboration** and **creative thinking**.
- **Encourages students to form their own musical identity whilst fostering an appreciation for all musical styles.**
- Promotes **high expectations** and **challenge** in order to build students' **perseverance** and **self-belief**

KS3 Curriculum Information

Year 7 Music – Introducing Skills

Our aim this year is to instil a love for music and inspire confidence so that all students can take part in active music making. We will develop students' understanding of the elements of music and provide them with a foundation of musical vocabulary. They will begin to build their instrumental skills in Keyboard, Drum Kit and Ukulele as well as developing their vocal skills.

We will study a range of topics:

- I Got Rhythm!
- Melody and keyboard skills
- Chords and harmony
- Descriptive music

Year 8 Music – Confident Musicians

Our aim this year is to enable students to become confident composers, introduce different styles of music, develop our musical vocabulary and build our skills on drum kit, guitar (playing riffs) and keyboard (playing with the left hand).

We will study a range of topics:

- Riffs and hooks
- Blues
- Film music
- Reggae

Year 9 Music – Independent Musicians

Our aim this year is for students to gain more independence as musicians and have opportunities to apply the skills we have developed in Years 7 and 8. We will learn how to analyse music using DR SMITH and use ICT such as Garageband to arrange and compose music.

We will study a range of topics:

- Arranging
- Dance music
- Music for video games
- History of pop music

Homework requirements: Students will be given practical homework to do once every term. Students will be expected to come to the department at break time to practise and improve their instrumental skills. This is a valuable way of improving their instrumental skills whilst benefiting from extra teacher support.

Extra-Curricular

We are a very busy department with extra-curricular activities taking place during lunchtimes and after school.

TUESDAY Lunchtime - Ukelele Club – MR2 After school Rock Club – MR2

WEDNESDAY Lunchtime Wind Band – MR2 After school Steel Band

THURSDAY GCSE coursework support

FRIDAY Lunchtime Choir – MR2

(Early lunch passes available AFTER SCHOOL – 4:30)

These extra-curricular activities lead to many events and performances throughout the year, keep an eye on our website and out social media for upcoming events!

Instrumental / Singing lessons: We employ six specialist teachers who teach a range of instruments and vocal skills. Over 100 students receive these peripatetic lessons and may

are entered for the music board exams. The lessons last for half an hour and are taught on a one to one basis.