



***The Department for Education has said that 'quality music education helps improve concentration, behaviour, numeracy and language'.***

### ***Our extended Mission statement for the Music Department***

Music is a major creative and re-creative art which transcends national and ethnic boundaries. It is an important means of emotional and aesthetic expression; a source of pleasure and a means of expression for young people and a widespread recreational activity in adult life.

As an art form it engenders concentration, teamwork, individual confidence and self-discipline; it is an intellectually satisfying and stimulating study and therefore necessary for the complete education of the individual.

Throughout all music courses at Tiverton High School we endeavour to recognise and cater for:

- a wide spectrum of musical abilities and needs
- a range of musical experience and differing interests
- students with differing musical aspirations (including those who intend to follow a musical career)
- expression through a variety of musical styles

Music functions as a performing art and therefore needs to be taught in and outside of the classroom as a practical subject. The involvement of students in group learning activities where an awareness of the views of others is paramount to the successful conclusion of a task enables students to develop skills for life beyond their school careers. In addition, exposure to a wide range of music from different styles and cultures helps to break down barriers that hinder learning and the acquisition of knowledge.

Music does not exist in isolation from the community and culture that it serves. Music is important and providing our young people with the opportunity to develop instrumental or vocal musical skills can be a life changing life long rewarding experience.

Mr I Wright, Subject Leader Performing Arts

## INSTRUMENT LESSONS

At Tiverton High school we take our music seriously as you can see from our busy and varied schedule and we are proud of the success this brings. We are always keen to nurture existing players and help create new ones, and to this end we offer continuing instrument lessons at school to cover all instruments;

- *Brass*
- *Drum kit*
- *Electric Guitar*
- *Singing*
- *Woodwind*
- *Percussion*
- *Electric Bass*
- *Piano*
- *Keyboard*
- *Strings*

If you would like your child to learn an instrument and it does not appear in the list above, please let us know and we will endeavour to meet your needs.

I hope you find this information useful and we look forward to seeing you in the Music Department soon!

## An example of Music Ensembles

**MUSIC CLUB** - The music club is aimed at year 7's who would like to study music in more depth. We will explore a variety of topics through the year and develop composing, performing and listening skills. You will have access to the department's wide range of instruments as appropriate to the topic you are exploring.

**OPEN REHEARSAL** - This is a fantastic opportunity for students to come and uses the music department to rehearse/ practice or just improve their musical skills from the classroom.

**THE ORCHESTRA** - This is aimed at ALL our instrumentalists who want to play in a group or ensemble. We will learn and play music from many styles and genres, preparing for forthcoming school events and shows.

**KEYBOARD CLUB** - This keyboard club is a great opportunity to learn how to play the keyboards from scratch or brush up on skills you already have. You will be able to work at your pace and learn a wide repertoire of popular songs.

**COMPOSING & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY** - This club is open to ALL students who wish to compose and record music using technology. You will be learning how to use cutting edge music software and hardware, whilst composing in the digital format.

**MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB** - All are welcome to this Musical Theatre Club led by Katy Baker. Come and learn new skills, meet new friends and sing, dance and act too many well-known shows.

**All these Performing Arts groups are absolutely FREE**

**THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**