

Music

Three areas of music are studied: Composition, Performing and Listening.

The aims of the course are to develop the students appreciation of a wide variety of musical styles and to foster their involvement in practical music situations. Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular musical activities in the school and the community. The study of music will also help students' personal development through co-operation, self-esteem and responsibility.

The two-year course is developmental and students will largely be assessed on their achievement at the end of the course. Specific goals of the course include:

- to develop a discriminating awareness of and involvement in sound as a means of creative expression;
- to develop a wide range of musical skills through practical means (vocal & instrumental), leading to confident musical expression;
- to engage in a wide range of experiences with the literature of music, Western and non-Western, up to and including the present day;
- to be involved in practical music situations to develop a greater understanding of music as a living art form;
- to become articulate in discussing music and expressing ideas and preferences about music;
- to continue their involvement with music after secondary education, whether for leisure, interest or career;
- to use music as a communicative process;
- to become aware of themselves as musicians/performers/audience members.

Methods of assessment include composition, arranging, listening, performing, speaking, conducting, cooperation, participation, improvising, singing and playing.