

Music at The William Henry Smith School & Sixth Form



Intent

At The William Henry Smith School & Sixth Form our music curriculum intends to inspire creativity, self-expression and encourage our students on their musical journeys as well as giving them opportunities to connect with others.

We encourage our students to participate in a range of musical experiences to develop their self-esteem, confidence and musical appreciation. Our students learn the skills of listening and appraisal, performing and understanding within music. These skills allow our students to gain a wide understanding of what the music curriculum entails whilst also developing an appreciation for various genres, composers and musical styles.



Implementation

Our students will develop the ability to perform and compose simple music with understanding and improvise using voice and percussion instruments.

Our students will develop the ability to listen and appraise music, including knowledge of musical history, our diverse musical heritage and awareness of musical traditions in a variety of cultures.

Our students will develop the ability to express ideas and feelings through various aspects of music and as a language for emotional and aesthetic expression.

Our students will develop a sensitive response to sound and the ability to listen perceptively. They will develop their recognition of the elements of music and develop their language to describe these.

Our curriculum is centered around 'Charanga', a music based scheme delivered by class teachers. This approach ensures our students get a rich learning experience covering all aspects of music.

Some of our students have individual music lessons providing opportunities for them to learn an instrument.

Impact

Our student progress will be continuously monitored throughout each key stage.

Most students will gain AQA unit awards linked to their work in music.

Some students will gain units relating to music in OCR Life and Living Skills.