



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science & Sports College)

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About the Music Department

The Music department has excellent teaching facilities consisting of two large classrooms which are both well equipped with interactive whiteboards, a selection of keyboards, tuned and untuned percussion, a drum kit, acoustic, electric and bass guitars. Alongside the classrooms we have a computer suite running Cubase and Sibelius software, an A-level teaching room and two practice rooms where instrumental lessons take place. We have eight visiting instrumental teachers supplied by Redbridge Music Service, who provide individual instrumental and singing lessons to approximately 80 students.

Key Stage 3

Music in Years 7 and 8 is taught on a weekly basis in mixed ability groups studying a variety of western musical styles and other traditions from around the world. This is done through performance, composition and listening and appraising, developing students' group skills as well as musical understanding and appreciation. At Year 9 students are taught on a carousel with Drama, learning about the development of popular music from ragtime and blues to modern day classics.

Key Stage 4

We currently have a GCSE class in both Year 10 and Year 11 following the Edexcel GCSE specification legacy and Edexcel 9-1 specification.

Key Stage 5

At A level we co-teach years 12 and 13, a class of 13 students following the OCR specification. The topics we have chosen to study for A level are; Developments in instrumental Jazz 1910 to the present day and Programme Music 1820-1910.

The department runs a very strong extra-curricular programme, which includes an orchestra, a wind band, a jazz band, several vocal ensembles and Rock/Pop bands, all of whom perform at regular concerts throughout the year. The department has taken students on several music tours abroad and contribute to the community that include visits to local care homes and the hospital providing live music. We also support the Catholic ethos by providing music for year group masses on special occasions.