

Music Curriculum Map Intent Statement

Paragraph 1

The purpose of the music curriculum is to provide students with secure knowledge and a passion for listening, performing and composing music by exposing them to a wide variety of musical genres from across the world and historical eras. Through exploration of a range of musical eras and styles, students will gain transferrable skills like communication, confidence and teamwork which are imperative to everyday life. We aim to encourage pupils to embrace a variety of musical opportunities as a solo artist or a member of an ensemble.

Paragraph 2

Content in the music curriculum is carefully sequenced to develop skills in rudiments of music, listening and appraising music using detailed language and their application in composing and performing activities. With a focus on performing and composing music, students explore a variety of musical instruments including the keyboard, ukulele and African/Samba drums. Rehearsal and performance techniques play a key role in lessons at Swindon Academy which is in line with modern trends that are current in the music industry including session musicianship and planning and delivering a music product.

Paragraph 3

The music department offers a vast range of extra-curricular opportunities. We have visiting music tutors in piano, drums, guitar and vocals from Swindon Music Service which are heavily subsidised enabling many students to enrol in learning an instrument. We also have further opportunities for learning a musical instrument free of charge through new afterschool clubs in clarinet, violin and trumpet/trombone which develop students confidence and orchestral skills alongside their classroom learning. Students have the opportunity to perform in school wide events like the battle of the bands, Marlborough College Christmas carol concert, variety shows and school productions, as well as school assemblies and competitions like young musician of the year.