

KS3 Curriculum Information

Music has many wider benefits, and enriches other subjects -whether it's the science of acoustics or the maths behind rhythms. It may be experiencing new cultures or improving coordination. The Music Department at Raynes Park High School is passionate about music and about helping our young people to develop their confidence through a range of music activities. As students develop and extend their own musical interests and skills, they will perform and compose music in different styles with increasing understanding of musical devices, processes and contextual influences.

KS4 Curriculum Information

In KS4 we offer BTEC Firsts in Music, a wide-ranging course that is designed to encourage the study of music through the integration of performance & composition, within a more vocational framework. There are many opportunities to use music technology. It also recognises that the Music Industry consists of many elements and the course seeks to broaden student's knowledge and experience of Music, amateur and professionally. This flexibly structured course allows students to capitalise on their different interests. It gives students the opportunity to make music, both individually and in groups, to develop a life-long interest in music, and to progress to further study.

We expect students who take BTEC Music as an option to play an instrument or sing.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students are warmly encouraged to participate in the wide range of extra-curricular clubs offered through the music department. Choir is available to all year groups with performances at the Music and Drama/Dance Christmas and Summer Concerts. We offer Guitar, Keyboard, Soundtrack and DrumCircle Groups, which allow students to rehearse and perform in smaller groups. Extended learning in music is available to KS4 to develop their instrumental and compositional skills as well as completing coursework.

Students are also offered the opportunity for individual / group music lessons. Costs are available from the Music Department.

Ways Families can Help Support

Support can best be given by ensuring that your child is fully prepared for instrumental or voice lesson by practising regularly at home where possible and reminding them to take their instrument to school when needed.

Foster interest in all kinds of music through radio, television, internet and attending music concerts

Encourage your child to complete homework on time and perhaps offer suggestions for improvement.