

Lawnswood School

Music Department



It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself.

-- J.S. Bach

Mrs R Rushton

Subject Leader of Music

Mr M Ryder

Teacher of Music





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At a glance.....

Key Stage 3

Lawnswood School students receive a broad and thorough music education and are encouraged to participate in enrichment activities to further their understanding and enjoyment. During KS3, students are taught for one hour a week and will cover a wide variety of musical genres through the disciplines of composition, performance and listening and appraisal, which develop a bank of key skills that have a positive impact across the curriculum.

In Year 7, students the following units:

- Wild About Lawnswood
- The Passenger
- World Music
- Build a Band
- Developing Song Writing Skills

Skills introduced in Year 7 are further developed during Year 8 and Year 9 through the study and exploration of different musical style and genres.

Key Stage 4

The foundations of KS3 form a strong platform for study at GCSE. The course consists of three units that cover:

- Understanding music
- Composition
- Performance (group and solo)

Instrumental Tuition

During the academic year, Lawnswood School music department is able to offer supplementary tuition to our students in the following areas:

- Strings
- Brass
- Woodwind
- Guitar
- Percussion
- Keyboard
- Voice

Lessons are generally provided during the school day by visiting staff from ArtForms, independent teachers and our own music staff. Students will miss sections of their curriculum in order to attend their instrument classes and this will be on rota basis.



Extracurricular

In order to enrich your child's musical experiences, we strongly encourage all students to participate in extracurricular activities. Many of the activities are supported by students, thereby developing their leadership skills.

Activities include:

- Ukulele Club
- Choir
- Lawnswood Jazz Band
- Steel Pan Club
- Keyboard Club

plus many more...

Concerts are held regularly throughout the year enabling all students to showcase their talents. We also run trips with our students which include, performing at St James Hospital, taking part in local Music Festivals and going to watch live orchestras and shows.

This year we have been awarded Music Champion School Status by Leeds Music Education Partnership, which recognised the commitment Lawnswood School has made to Music education.

