

Music at Beverley Grammar School

Resources

There is one full- and one part-time music teacher within the department, and six peripatetic staff visit on a weekly basis. The department is housed in the Expressive Arts building and there is a main music classroom as well as one large and one small practise room. There is also an instrument store and music office. The department has a wide range of resources to assist with peripatetic lessons including a number of acoustic and electric guitars and amps, two drum kits and a number of pianos.

Key Stage 3

Music is taught to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students are taught in mixed ability forms that get one hour of Music teaching per week. Students learn a wide range of skills and topics throughout their Key Stage 3 education, combining listening, performance and composition work. Topics include ideas such as chords, film music, samba bateria, musical theatre singing, African drumming, TV themes and pop music etc.

Key Stage 4

In Key Stage 4, the current Year 10 class is following the Edexcel BTEC Performing Musician course. Next year, Year 10 will be following the AQA GCSE course. Students for both courses complete both solo and ensemble performances.

Key Stage 5

In Key Stage 5, A Level teaching takes place jointly with the neighbouring Beverley High School. Students follow the AQA A Level course.

Peripatetic Lessons and Ensembles

Over 100 students have peripatetic instrumental lessons. Lessons are offered on string, woodwind, and brass instruments as well as guitars and drum kit. Keyboard / piano lessons will also be added from September. There are also a range of ensembles throughout the year which students can get involved in, including choirs, woodwind ensembles, a brass group, orchestra, string orchestra, string quartet and various rock bands. The ensembles perform music of a wide range of styles. Performances take place throughout the year, both within School and at venues in the local community. During 2012-3, students have had the chance to perform within BGS Young Musician of the Year, the Year 11 Celebration Evening, Speech Night, Carol Service, Spring Concert, OAE Fairy Queen, Chamber Concert and the Showcase. The department is a busy and noisy one!