

Performing Arts - Music

The purpose of the music curriculum at Cornwallis Academy is to expose students to a highly practical approach, being inspired by Musical Futures pedagogy. Students are involved in listening, singing, and performing from day one. Theoretical knowledge is used to support the practical learning, as well as explore how a variety of cultures have shaped a wide range of musical styles and traditions. Students will deepen their understanding of 'how' by playing with accuracy and expression, improvise and compose using different structures, scales, and tonalities, explore a range of notations and develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of key musicians and composers through listening and appraising. Students will develop confidence and resilience as well as self-discipline and teamwork.

Students learn how to play keyboard, guitar and drums and use these skills to play together in ensemble settings. They learn how to use their voices correctly and body percussion.

In addition to classroom lessons, students can further study an instrument of their choice with through Andrew Parry Music. Currently we offer lessons in singing, piano, drums and guitar.

Year 13 Music

Content of study	RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners (Performing)
What are the aims and objectives?	During year 13, students will study a one mandatory unit and one optional unit. The work for these units will be sent to RSL and assessed by an RSL Examiner: Planning for a Careers in the Music Industry • Familiarisation with processes associated with effective career planning. • Align career aims • Produce portfolio ready for application and interview Rehearsal Skills and Live Music Performance • Plan a concert under the requirements of a set brief • Rehearse for a concert • Perform in a concert • Evaluation the concert
What previous knowledge is required?	Successful completion of Year 12 studies.
How will this term's content help with future learning?	Successful complete of the course will allow pupils to apply to study music further at university, or as part of an apprenticeship. .
Resources	RSL provide ample resources to support students studying the course at: https://www.rslawards.com/vocational/
Links to the national curriculum/specification	The specification for the course can be found at https://www.rslawards.com/vocational/
Assessments	Students are assessed continually by their teacher against the specification. Two informal assessment points will be carried out per term. Students received a summative grade which sums up the level that they are working at.

	This level will be a grade (E-A) which links directly to the criteria for RSL Music. The course is 100% coursework, and all coursework is marked in line with RSL and verified externally by the exam board.
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