

Year 13 Practical Music Overview



This is a Great Choice of Subject!

Welcome to senior music study at CBHS! You will be given unique opportunities to develop your personal skills, and to contribute in a special and obvious way to the life of our school. Maybe you will choose a job or further study which connect somehow with your musical experiences. More importantly, you will be given chances to enrich beyond money all your future life

Our School Has The Best Players!

We have an exceptional team of musical leaders, and you should try to learn from several of them – how to sing and play, how to use computers creatively, how to discover new worlds of listening. Be an active learner. Widen your horizons. Go to city concerts. Join new groups.

This Might Change Your Life!

By the end of the year, you should have become a much better solo performer and member different musical groups. You will learn to arrange music for a group, and explore your creative skills through a range of compositions. Our computers also offer fascinating opportunities for interactive multimedia. You will find out easy ways of analysing the sounds and scores of music, with quick ways of naming keys, chords and musical techniques. And you will meet some interesting composers, old and new. Perhaps you will become one yourself!

Set Your Own Targets!

Currently, our course is based on Assessment Standards, as listed below. But you could also enter for Associated Board or Trinity Exams, both practical and theory, and our staff will help you to reach whatever targets you might be prepared to set yourself. How far could you go!

Ach. Standard	You will learn to -	Assessed by	Date
3.1 - 4 credits	Present performance as a group member	3 concerts	All year
3.6 - 8 credits	Present a portfolio of musical composition	3 + pieces	Mar / July / Sept
3.7 - 8 credits	Present performances as featured soloist	2 exams	June / Sept
3.8 - 4 credits	Demonstrate aural skill in many styles	ext. exam	November

Our expectations of you -

1. We expect you to attend tuition lessons reliably, set a daily practice regime, and follow your tutor's advice.
2. We expect you to be an active learner, identifying the tasks you must complete, ask for information rather than waiting to be told, and complete your assignments on time.
3. We expect you to take personal responsibility for your progress and for the success of your groups. We want you to be a positive achiever, who looks for solutions to difficulties.
4. We expect you to represent your school with pride in regular assemblies, concerts and tours, and be punctual, reliable and positive at practices.

You are welcome to discuss your course at any time with HOD Mr Whelan.