



Music



Mr. S. Carter (Head of Department)

Curriculum

In Year 7, pupils have regular weekly whole class music lesson. The elements of music are taught through activities of performing, composing and listening to music.

In Year 8, pupils continue to receive a weekly lesson. They will study styles from around the world, as well as music history from the Baroque to the present, through activities of performing, composing and listening.

In Year 9 pupils receive 3 lessons per fortnight and begin to improve music performance and composition skills in preparation for GCSE Music. During this time, pupils gain experience in Solo and ensemble performing. Music Technology is introduced into composition, with access to our Apple Mac computers, which are equipped with the 'Garage Band' music software.

In Years 10 and 11 Pupils now will receive two lessons per week. They will begin the OCR course in Music to GCSE level. This is currently delivered to a small class of around 8 -12 pupils. Candidates are required to perform Solo and as part of an ensemble, compose music in different styles and complete a written listening paper.

All classes are practical based and pupil feedback shows that they enjoy music lessons.

Extra-Curricular Ensembles

The Department has a variety of ensemble groups. They are often called upon to perform in concerts in and out of School as well as Masses and Liturgies. There are regular performances in the community and our Choir/Orchestra perform annually at Luton Airport at Christmas. Photos from our airport performance, as well as our 2019 production of 'Godspell' are on display in the Music Block. However, all the above ensembles are temporarily suspended due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Our extended curriculum groups include;

Cardinals Rock Band

School Choir

School Orchestra

Keyboard Club





Instrumental/Voice lessons



We are fortunate to have a team of approved peripatetic teachers as well as ones provided by the Luton Music Service. Many of these also teach in our feeder schools. If your child is playing an instrument already, there is a chance that they will have the same teacher when they arrive at Cardinal Newman. There are roughly 40 Students receiving instrumental or vocal tuition presently.

Our Peripatetic Staff are;

Mr C Doggett – Cello

Mr S Router – Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium)

Mrs E Fromow – Voice

Miss H Baker – Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone)

Mr R Abji - Guitar/Bass guitar

Mrs V Parkes - Violin/Viola

Mr T Parkes – Piano

Mr W Strachan – Drum Kit/Percussion

At present, Voice and Violin lessons are provided by Luton Music. All other instruments are taught on a private basis either individually or in pairs at your choice. Fees vary between £10 - £12 per week, for individual lessons of 20 minutes duration. Paired lessons for the same duration vary from £5-£6 per lesson, depending on the individual Teacher's own rates.

Accommodation

We have a large classroom where the curriculum is delivered and two practice rooms which are used for instrumental lessons and practicing. We also work closely as a Performing Arts Department and regularly use the Hall for our joint Shows and Concerts.

