

Cramlington Learning Village

Department of Music

Music is currently taught across all key stages. Students in years seven and eight experience music through Create, a multi disciplinary course that combines Music, Media and Drama through enquiry based learning.

In year 9 students can opt to stretch their musicality through Secure Music, a course that follows the Musical Futures approach. This course aims to develop our students' musical ear, and introduces them to the disciplined way that pop musicians work. One of the key themes of Musical Futures is informal learning, and students are given responsibility to work with peers of their choice, with the music of their choice.

We have a good uptake at GCSE and a small A level cohort, both of which follow the AQA specification. Attainment at both Key Stages 4 and 5 is consistently strong.

The department is supported by a team of good peripatetic teachers who currently provide lessons in: brass, woodwind, percussion, guitar, singing and piano. We also have termly productions such as Cramlington's Got Talent, Rock School versus Guitar Hero and have recently staged High School Musical and Return to the Forbidden Planet as whole school productions.

We have an Extra Curricular program that currently offers: rock school, singing group as well as woodwind, world music, brass and samba ensembles. Within our community rock and pop music are thriving but we would like to develop a culture of exploration of other musical genres with a view to extending existing ensembles in terms of both breadth of provision and uptake.

It is an exciting time for the Music Department. We have outstanding accommodation and facilities that are second to none. With the opening of the Junior Learning Village in September 2008 we now have purpose built facilities, including:

- Two ICT rich classrooms boasting two students to each PC
- Prodikeys MIDI keyboards for every machine.
- Industry standard software including Cubase and Sibelius on every machine
- Four dedicated practice rooms
- A state of the art recording and TV studio.
- The hub; a superb performance space with 360 seats and a 3D projection screen.

We are looking for a teacher with enthusiasm, excellent subject knowledge, drive and musicality. One for whom music teaching and performing is a passion; someone who understands the potential gains that our students can achieve by exposure to a quality experience of Music education.

We can offer you the chance to work as a team member in an "outstanding" (Ofsted 2009) school. We have a lot to offer and believe the opportunities for the development of any successful applicant will be exciting and fun!

If you feel you are suited to this demanding yet highly rewarding job; if you really want students to receive a quality experience of Music and are prepared to be part of a team that is making that happen, then we look forward to your application. If you would like any further details, or an opportunity to visit the school, please contact

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