

Music @ The Open Academy

The Open Academy provides a wide and varied Music curriculum and offers BTEC Level 1/2 Music Practice in Key Stage 4. Our aim is to explore musical genres and styles in both their theoretical and practical sense and develop skills in listening, performance and composition.

Students in KS3 study music theory such as reading musical notation, rhythms and elements so that they are able to tackle more advanced repertoire on instruments such as pianos, ukuleles and drums.

In Year 7, students will explore musical elements, ostinatos, fanfares and keyboard skills.

In Year 8, students embark on a journey through music history, beginning with Baroque and ending with Electronic Dance Music with opportunities to perform and compose music in each genre.

In Year 9, students study World Music, Film Music and Songwriting with emphasis on bringing out their collaborative and creative sides, preparing them for Music in KS4.

In Key Stage 4, students are prepared for a career in the music industry as performers, composers and technicians through an accessible and independent course that allows them to discover themselves as artists and musicians. This is a coursework-only qualification and is nationally recognised as a GCSE equivalent.

The Music Department also runs a full and exciting extra-curricular timetable including Piano Club, Open Harmony Choir, Lunchtime Open Sessions, Drum Ensemble and Music Tech Club. All students are welcome to join any of the clubs on offer regardless of previous ability or access to music. There are a number of opportunities throughout the year to perform in front of friends and family such as the Christmas Concert and the Royal Norfolk Show, Open's Got Talent and hopefully a whole school production in the near future.

Furthermore, we also offer private tuition in drums, singing and guitar in partnership with the Norfolk County Music Service where students work with leaders in their field.