

## MUSIC AT THE BOURNE ACADEMY

Our aim is to be a centre of excellence for music, promoting and supporting creativity, innovation and high standards of achievement. The facilities and courses available at the Academy provide each student with learning and teaching opportunities which are built around their own individual needs and aspirations. Through the music technology facilities, recording studio, and several performance venues and practise rooms, we aim to provide opportunities for students and other stakeholders to enjoy and appreciate music not only in classroom scenarios but in high standard instrumental tuition and performances by visiting professionals.

### **Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)**

KS3 is taught in mixed abilities and concentrates on the main elements of music through performance, composition and listening and appraising.

Years 7 and 8 have one lesson per week. These lessons are based on different topics developing the understanding of music through practical tasks which teach the students the skills they require for performance, composing and listening and appraising. We aim to ensure that all students will perform in front of a large audience each year.

- Year 7 Topics include; African Drumming, Gamelan, Indian Music and Pop Singing
- Year 8 Topics include; Pop Music, The Blues, Minimalism and Reggae and a Musical Futures Project

### **Key Stage 4 (Years 9 and 10 & 11)**

Students who opt for Music at Key Stage 4 will study RockSchool Level 2 Music. The course is based around three modules, incorporating performance, composing and listening. This is a highly practical task, and students will be expected to perform in front of a large audience at least 4 times a year.

The main focus of the course is for students to gain experience and knowledge in how to earn money and maintain a successful career within the Music Industry through Performing, Composing and Recording.

### **Key Stage 5 (Years 12 & 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Form)**

During year 12 and 13 students have the opportunity to continue their studies in music by opting for a RockSchool Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music. There are a variety of modules that students can take that focus on performance, events management, theory, improvisation and recording techniques. The students will have the opportunity to perform in the community through a variety of projects as well as gaining valuable experience working alongside professional musicians.

### **Where Can Music Lead You?**

Taking music at Key stage 4/5 can lead into a variety of jobs within the music and performing arts industry, from working in recording studios, theatres, live music venues, record companies, events management and teaching. Students will also gain the necessary skills so they can produce their own music, advertise, promote, design and sell it and their own gigs. Previous students have gone onto study Music and English at Russell Group Universities as well as the highly prestigious Brighton Institute of Modern Music.

Please email the Head of Visual and Performing Arts [david.mastrocola@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:david.mastrocola@thebourneacademy.com) if you have any questions about the curriculum or about your child's progress during the year.