

# Why we teach Music

**A music department is a safe space for creativity, collaboration and growth. We will provide all students with opportunities that help expand and grow the mind, building on valuable life experiences. In the music department at Alperton Community School we aim to provide an outstanding curriculum within a supportive, stimulating and creative learning environment that will allow all students to be creative and develop their self-expression, developing a culture where music education and advocacy is valued.**

**Our aim is that our curriculum will:**

- Enable every student to meet or exceed their expectations and make excellent progress
- Enable every student to reach their full academic, personal, creative and musical potential and instil a passion for learning
- Enable every student to meet or exceed their own perceptions and achieve the best possible musical results
- Embrace all cultures, beliefs and musical traditions
- Nurture every student to become a successful adult who will impact positively on their local community and society as a whole.
- Introduce students to a wide range of music styles and genres from across the world and throughout history using ensemble and solo performance opportunities and creative composition development.
- Provide the opportunity for students to take part in extracurricular activities including clubs, individual instrumental lessons, productions, performance evenings and trips/workshops.
- Develop students' understanding of careers in the arts and how skills can be transferred to support future opportunities.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our students is explored through exposure to a world of music both familiar and unfamiliar. British Values are supported through ensemble activities where students share ideas, make independent creative decisions and practice mutual respect and tolerance through collaborative activities. We aim to build on the work of primary schools to provide continuity in education for our Year 7 students.

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum by exploring a range of instruments, the voice, composition methods, music theory from grade 1 to grade 3 and exposing our students to musical genres from classical to Caribbean. We also introduce students to creating music using specialist Music technology software such as DJing, digital audio workstations and studio production and recording methods in order to reflect the variety of ways that Music is created and performed today. Students are introduced to the key skills needed to succeed in Music: performing, composing, listening and appraising. Students are taught a broad and balanced curriculum exploring a range of instruments and musical genres and mediums including Western music, Blues, Gamelan, Caribbean and film and game Music.

The curriculum is further supported by providing the exciting opportunity for students to receive one to one instrumental tuition with a private teacher, instruments include piano, guitar, drums and vocals. We offer extended learning activities to enhance student's curriculum experience including choir, dhol club, composition club, guitar club as well as open sessions during the lunch break. Students have the opportunity to share their progress at a number of school events from performing in weekly assemblies to the summer term concert, school production and talent show.