

Gifted and Talented in

Music

The Music department aims to support and foster all students' musical development through performance, composition and listening work in lessons and a wide range of extracurricular activities.

This leaflet explains the different opportunities we provide for gifted and talented students.

Classroom Music – Key Stage 3, 4 and 5

During Key Stage 3 all performance and composition tasks have appropriate extension tasks that allow students to fully explore their creativity and use their skills to realise their musical potential. Music Technology is used to help students notate their compositions and experiment with different styles of music, especially dance and sample-based music. We especially encourage students, to use any instrumental skills they have, so as to encourage them to link together their instrumental lessons with our class activities.

In Key Stages 4 and 5, students are encouraged to develop their individual skills and tastes in music whilst preparing themselves for their exams. In Key Stage 4, within Music GCSE, there is now the chance to explore aspects of Music Technology, especially recording and sequencing. Students are given specific tutorials and directed support for their composition and performance work.

Across all Key Stages, we encourage students to develop their vocabulary of technical musical terms and to extend their knowledge of different styles and genres as well as the techniques of composition.

Students regularly perform their work from their class lessons in assemblies, school concerts, galas and other public events.



Open door policy

Students are very welcome to use the Music Department's facilities:

- Practice Rooms
- Instruments
- Music Technology

before school, break time, lunch time, after school.

Please ask first, and respect the facilities!

Extracurricular Music – Key Stage 3, 4 and 5

Music Tuition is available at school through Berkshire Maestros – www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

The Music Department offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, most of which are open to all students. There are a range of activities that allow students of different interests and abilities to participate in something that is right for them. Please find below some sample extracurricular music clubs that run at St Crispin's from time to time – please check the extracurricular timetables around school for more information.

Chamber Orchestra

Productions

Recorder Club

Junior Choir

Music Tech Club

Composition Club

Guitar Club

Chamber Choir