

# MUSIC FAQs



## WHAT IS TAUGHT ON THE MUSIC CURRICULUM?

IN YEAR 7, WE AIM TO GIVE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS A SOLID GROUNDING IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC BY EXPLORING THE ELEMENTS OF MUSIC THROUGH USE OF SINGING, PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, USING OUR APPLE MAC SUITE AND EXPLORING BODY BEATS. MOVING THROUGH TO YEAR 8, WE THEN BUILD ON OUR STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE BY EXPLORING WORLD MUSIC RANGING FROM REGGAE TO WESTERN CLASSICAL WHICH LEADS TO ON TO YEAR 9 WHERE WE BEGIN TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR GCSE MUSIC BY EXPLORING FILM MUSIC AND ENSEMBLE MUSIC BUILDING THEIR CONFIDENCE TO CREATE AND PERFORM THEIR OWN COMPOSITIONS.

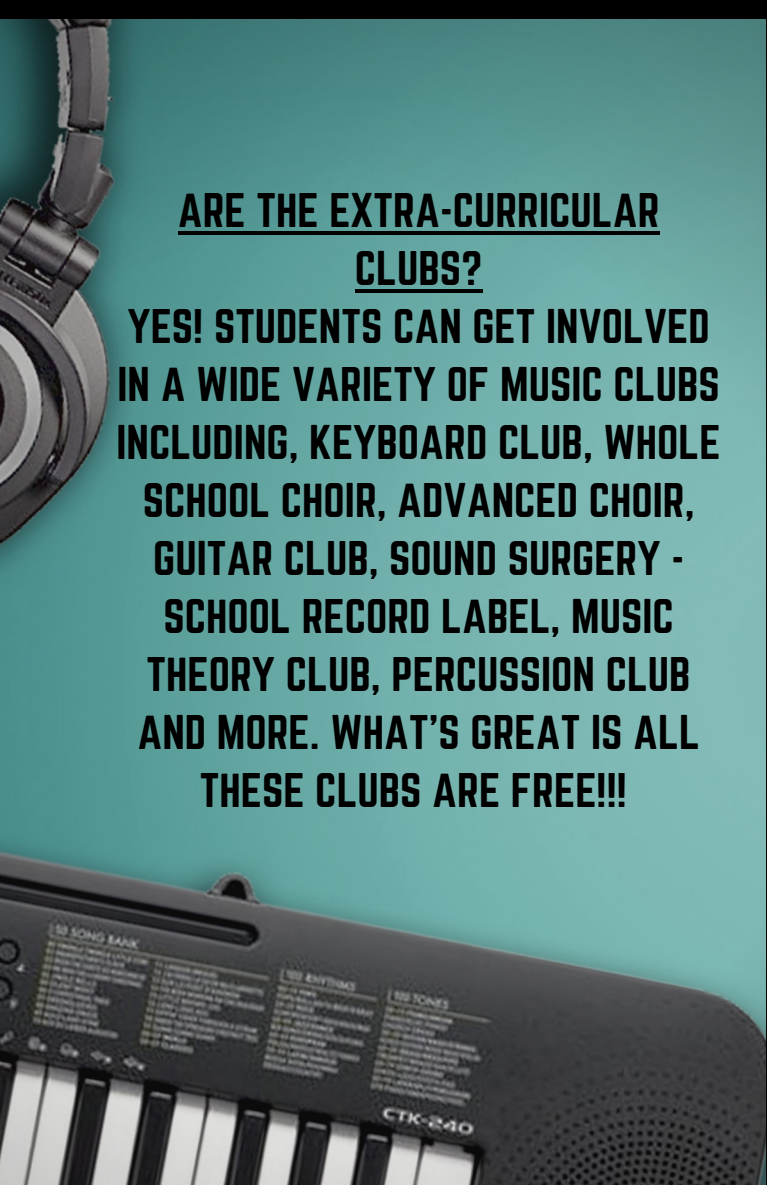


## DOES BLACKFEN OFFER PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS?

WE DO OFFER INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS RANGING FROM PIANO THROUGH TO WOODWIND. THESE LESSONS ARE NORMALLY ARRANGED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL TUTORS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

## HOW OFTEN DO STUDENTS HAVE MUSIC ON THEIR TIMETABLE?

STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-9 HAVE MUSIC ONCE A WEEK FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. IN YEAR 10/11, STUDENTS STUDYING MUSIC AT GCSE LEVEL HAVE 5 HOURS PER FORTNIGHT OVER THEIR TWO YEAR COURSE. IN KSS BTEC LEVEL 3 MUSIC, STUDENTS STUDY 10 HOURS OF MUSIC PER FORTNIGHT FOR TWO YEARS.



## ARE THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS?

YES! STUDENTS CAN GET INVOLVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF MUSIC CLUBS INCLUDING, KEYBOARD CLUB, WHOLE SCHOOL CHOIR, ADVANCED CHOIR, GUITAR CLUB, SOUND SURGERY - SCHOOL RECORD LABEL, MUSIC THEORY CLUB, PERCUSSION CLUB AND MORE. WHAT'S GREAT IS ALL THESE CLUBS ARE FREE!!!

## ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PERFORM?

WE HAVE REGULAR WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERTS INCLUDING LUNCH TIME CONCERTS EVERY FORTNIGHT ON A FRIDAY LUNCHTIME, WHICH ARE OPEN FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF ABILITY OR INSTRUMENT. WE ALSO HAVE VARIOUS SHOWCASES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITHIN SCHOOL AND STUDENTS HAVE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM TO THEIR PEERS AND WIDER PUBLIC AUDIENCES. WE ALSO ARRANGE REGULAR MUSIC TOURS FOR EXAMPLE TRIPS TO BARCELONA AND MADRID. WE HAVE A STATE-OF-THE-ART PERFORMANCE SPACE FOR PUBLIC EVENTS AND STUDENTS WHO PERFORM IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWS GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS AND ENRICH THEIR OVERALL EXPERIENCE IN THE WIDER LIFE OF BLACKFEN

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