



Music Department Information

The music department at Cardinal Newman School is larger than average and, as a result provides an exciting and stimulating musical environment. There are four music teachers and ten peripatetic staff who visit the school weekly. Music is taught for one hour a fortnight to years 7 and 8 and as an options subject from year 9. Students can study either GCSE or BTEC Music in years 10 and 11 and in our sixth form Music Academy we offer A Level Music, a BTEC in Music Performance and a BTEC in Music Technology: Digital Music Production.

We have three main teaching rooms, each with an excellent PA system, stereos and white boards. All rooms are also equipped with a set of keyboards, Imacs (with Garageband, MuseScore and Logic), ukuleles and an extensive array of classroom instruments including percussion, guitars and drum kits. In addition to our four Mac suites we have a fully equipped recording studio, an A Level teaching room and a number of practice rooms.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have an action-packed calendar of concerts, workshops and theatre trips throughout the year. Annual events include trips to Glyndebourne, our Winter Concert, Newman Music Night, Advent Carol Services and our Summer Festival. We work with the Drama Department to put on a musical and our most recent production was Hairspray. We also take a group of music students on tour annually and destinations have included Paris, Belgium and the Netherlands.

We are constantly looking for ways to expand our extensive extra-curricular programme. Each year group has their own band and we also have in addition the String Orchestra, Brass Ensemble and Carnival Band, Newman Voices, Chamber Choir, Sixth Form Band and Music Tech club. We also have a coaching scheme to encourage our sixth form students to mentor young students who want to make their own bands. In the sixth form Music Academy students have the opportunity to take part in a programme of masterclasses. We work closely with the chaplaincy team to provide music for the masses and events that the team provide. This is a vital part of our role in the school.

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