

Music Curriculum Intent

Music is both a focus for study and a means of communal expression. Students at The Portsmouth Academy are given the opportunity to develop musical understanding and skill (in perception, as composers and as performers) in classes, individually and in school ensembles. There are many opportunities for pupils to share their musical expertise with the academy as well as with the wider community, for instance, the Last Musician Standing Competition, Performing Arts Summer Showcase, Carol Service and our annual school production.

In Key Stage 3 students develop and reinforce their understanding and practical skills using their voices, instruments and music technology. Through listening, composing and performing activities they strengthen their creative ability, self-confidence and self-expression.

In Key Stage 4 students are given the opportunity to expand their musical skills in a vocational context and broaden their understanding of their chosen musical discipline. They are able to take part in assignments that focus on applied learning through purposeful tasks set in sector or subject contexts that have many of the characteristics of real work.

Participation, performance and personalised progression extend beyond the classroom. Vocal and instrumental tuition are available to students in all years, and an instrument loan scheme has been put in place to allow students to take an instrument home to learn. There is also a wide range of extra-curricular and cultural capital activities including choirs and instrumental groups that take place each week at lunchtime and after school.

Purpose of Music:

1. Engage and inspire pupils
2. Develop a love of Music
3. Develop talent as a Musician
4. Increase self confidence, creativity and sense of achievement
5. Develop critical engagement with Music
6. Allow students to perform
7. Allow students to compose
8. Develop students' ability to listen with discrimination