**Music**

Music is a thriving department at Abbeyfield School. With a well-established team of curriculum and instrumental teachers, students are thrust into high level teaching and learning, centred around improving knowledge and understanding of both theory and practical music. Music is everywhere in society – as it is at Abbeyfield.

Within KS3 music, students are given the opportunity to explore a wide range of music styles, composers, and specific “noteworthy” pieces, from *Pachelbel’s Canon*, right through to *James Bond*. Students cover such topics as Film Music, Ensemble Music and The Blues. Students learn how to perform as soloists, as part of an ensemble, and latterly, learn how to record their own music.

At KS4, students can continue their music studies through Eduqas GCSE Music. This course enables students to develop their understanding of Film Music, Chamber Music, Musical Forms and Structures, and Popular Music. Students also develop their compositional and performance skills, through composing two pieces and performing two prepared recital pieces. Students have five lessons per fortnight, and are expected to be having private lessons inside or outside of school on their instrument or voice. The KS3 curriculum builds into the KS4 course.

At KS5, students can continue their music studies through the CTEC Performing Arts course. Despite being centred around stage/theatre performance, students do have the opportunity to develop their music and performance skills further, and is the perfect course for anyone wanting to develop more well-rounded performance. Both in KS4 and KS5, we expect and encourage our older students to engage with the extracurricular programme, as we name them as the senior music students in the school.

Students are always encouraged to join some of our music ensembles, including the school choir, school band and samba band. We host an annual Christmas concert, as well as a summer cabaret. We also offer instrumental and vocal lessons, for those students wishing to take their music studies to the next level. KS4 and KS5 students have the opportunity to attend lunchtime recitals at the Wiltshire Live Music Centre.

**KS4: Eduqas GCSE Music**

**KS5: Cambridge Technical in Performing Arts, Level 3**