

A warm welcome to Y6...

Music

Head of subject: Mr Howell

Our Team

At High Storrs we have an excellent music department with a small team of two classroom teachers, Mr Howell and Ms Brooks. We have a wide range of musical interests and expertise and teach across the curriculum from KS3 to KS5.

Our Curriculum

In KS3 music we focus on a range of practical music skills with units in piano performance, Ukulele accompaniment, music technology and song writing. Lessons are focussed on practical music making, listening, performing and composing and they are designed to give all our KS3 pupils the skills to enjoy playing and listening to music. At KS4 & 5 we offer GCSE and A-Level music, and we are one of the few establishments in South Yorkshire to also offer Music Technology A-Level. Our music A-Level cohort is consistently one of the biggest in the city, with students going on in recent years to study music at the Royal Northern, Birmingham Conservatoire, the Leeds college of music, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts and other prestigious universities.

Our Results

Our GCSE results are well above the national average and last year 94% of our students received at least a 4. At A-Level we offer courses in both Music and Sound Technology and students have also continued to achieve excellent grades and we have a proven track record of excellent results.

Our Legacy

As well as our great academic successes we believe that music making can be a valuable and positive addition to every student's extra-curricular life. The Sheffield Music Hub rate High Storrs as a 'Music Champion School', due to our commitment to providing opportunities for all pupils to learn to play an instrument and to sing. We have peripatetic teachers come into school for a huge variety of instruments and we have practice spaces and a recording studio available for students to use. We also offer a huge range of extra-curricular music making activities, including a school orchestra, senior orchestra, soul band, two choirs, a string ensemble, year 7 & 8 rock band and we have so many student song writers and bands using our rehearsal rooms that we have set up a school record label to promote and release their music to Spotify and elsewhere. Our orchestras and bands regularly perform at events and venues around Sheffield and every few years we organise a music trip to Europe, most recently in 2019 to the Rhineland in Germany.

Music at High Storrs is creative, broad and enriching, with diverse opportunities for students to be involved in and inspired by music.

