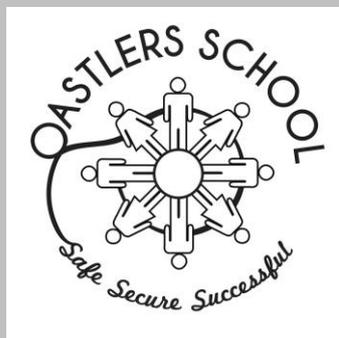


Music Policy



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Our Vision

Through a positive caring environment, we provide the opportunity for every learner to reach their full potential and ensure all learners are ready for their next steps.

Aims and objectives

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate learners. It is a vehicle for personal expression, and it can play an important part in the personal development of people. Music reflects the culture and society we live in, and so the teaching and learning of music enables learners to better understand the world they live in.

Besides being a creative, enjoyable and therapeutic activity, music can also be a highly academic and demanding subject. It also plays an important part in helping learners feel part of a community. We provide opportunities for all learners to create, play, perform and enjoy music, to develop the skills, to appreciate a wide variety of musical forms, and to begin to make judgements about the quality of music.

The objectives of teaching music in our school are to enable learners to:

- know and understand how sounds are made and then organised into musical structures;
- know how music is made through a variety of instruments;
- know how music is composed and written down;
- know how music is influenced by the time, place and purpose for which it was written;
- develop the interrelated skills of performing, composing and appreciating music.

Teaching and learning styles

At Oastlers School we make music an enjoyable learning experience. We encourage learners to participate in a variety of musical experiences through which we aim to build up the confidence of all learners. Performing lies at the heart of good music teaching. Our teaching focuses on developing the learners ability to play as part of a small or large group. Through singing songs and playing music, learners learn about the structure and organisation of music. We teach them to listen to and appreciate different forms of music. As learners get older, we expect them to maintain their concentration for longer, and to listen to more extended pieces of music. Learners develop descriptive skills in music lessons when learning about how music can represent feelings and emotions. We teach learners to make music together, to understand musical notation, and to compose pieces.

Additional music teaching

Learners are offered the opportunity to study a musical instrument with peripatetic teachers. Peripatetic music teaching is provided by external tutors and school staff.. These lessons are normally taught to small groups of learners who have chosen to learn one of a variety of instruments, such as the guitar, drums, brass and keyboard. This is in addition to the normal music teaching of the school, but usually takes place during curriculum time.

Music curriculum planning

Oastlers School uses the national curriculum for music as the basis for its curriculum planning. While there are opportunities for learners of all abilities to develop their skills and knowledge in each teaching unit, the progression planned into the scheme of work means that the learners are increasingly challenged as they move through the school.

Assessment for learning

Learners demonstrate their ability in music in a variety of different ways. Teachers will assess learners work in music by making informal judgements as they observe them during lessons. On completion of a piece of work, the teacher assesses the work and gives oral or written feedback as necessary to inform future progress. Older learners are encouraged to make judgements about how they can improve their own work. At the end of a unit of work, the teacher makes a summary judgement using our 'Steps to Success' about the work of each learner in relation to the National Curriculum, and records these grades.

Resources

Oastlers has an extensive range of musical instruments and equipment which are kept in a secure central store.

Musical events

We believe that music enriches the lives of people, and so we wish to involve as many learners as possible in musical activities. We run an 'Oastlers Got Talent' event yearly in which we encourage all learners from Y7-13 to participate. Year 7 are enjoying singing, although it's primary aim is to enable learners to enjoy singing together, it is our intention that it also performs in public on a number of occasions throughout future years.

We provide opportunities throughout the year for budding musicians to perform for the school community. This includes solo and ensemble performances as part of assemblies and concerts. This recognises their achievements and celebrates their success.

Roles and Responsibilities

The subject is led by our accomplished Music Teacher and each year time is set aside to review standards and monitor curriculum provision and ensure training and resources are up to date.