



Our vision for Music at St George's



'Let all that you do be done in Love' 1 Corinthians
16:14

*The example of Jesus Christ and the Good news
that he brings inspire St George's school to be a place of hope and a caring and inclusive
community in which we all love to learn and learn to love*

'A School without music is a school without a soul' Don Bosco

Music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way we feel, think and act. It brings together intellect and feeling and enables personal expression, reflection, emotional and spiritual development. As an integral part of culture, past and present, it helps pupils understand themselves and others, forging important links between the home, school and the wider world. The teaching of music develops pupils' ability to listen and appreciate a wide variety of music, to explore sounds and use their imagination and creativity to make their own music, and to develop the confidence to perform for others.

God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music; we believe at St George's that music is an important part of a child's development and so it is an integral part of our everyday life. We want our pupils to foster a love of music and understand the positive effect it can have on our wellbeing. Throughout our curriculum, pupils have the opportunity to experience music in a variety of forms and to explore it through a range of contexts, exploring music through listening, creating and performing as individuals and as groups. Music is also an important part of worship and praise to God, so is incorporated into daily worship sessions.

Music at St George's is taught through the National curriculum and the knowledge and skills of progression to ensure we build on previous learning. The 'St George's Music approach' outlines the key elements for the teaching and learning of music. Teaching might be linked to our Learning Challenges or taught discretely and is shared through real life performances where possible. We use specialist teachers, to enhance the opportunities and experiences we offer our children in order that they can explore and enjoy music to its full. On occasions, we also invite other musicians into school who willingly share their enthusiasm for singing and other forms of music. We offer extra-curricular music opportunities which are available to all children. We continually look for opportunities for our children to take part in music activities outside of school - in the local community and further afield - broadening their experiences and love of music.

Psalm 57:7 My heart, O God is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Our six principles for the teaching of music are:

- Using creativity and imagination to become a composer
- Using musical vocabulary to express feelings and emotions
- Sharing a love of singing
- Learning to play different instruments and practising to get better
- Listening to different styles of music including live and recorded
- Having fun exploring sounds and building confidence to perform

St George's Music approach

Stimulus—Music introduction—link to Learning Challenge

Listen to and engage with music from a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, composers and musicians

Explore music in a variety of ways

Sing and use voices

Compose music

Play a musical instrument

Use technology

Understand musical elements

Pitch

Duration

Dynamics

Tempo

Timbre

Texture

Structure

Perform for an audience, individually or as part of a group

Evaluate and improve performance

READING, VOCABULARY/spoken language, MEMORY – Deep learning, FEEDBACK, AFL
Christian Values, British Values, Building Learning Powers, Growth Mindset, SMSC

Links to other curriculum areas.

Assessment