



The Trafalgar School
at Downton

SMSC in The Trafalgar School at Downton Music Department

Spiritual learning is taught through expression and reaction to different types of Music. Students are encouraged to share their responses through listening, composing, performing and discussing. Every topic includes reflection and this then fuels their progress in future learning. Topics include World Music (Year 7 Chinese Music, Year 7 Folk Music, Year 8 Blues Music and Year 9 Reggae Music) and the History of Music (Medieval Music through to Hip-Hop Music).

Moral learning is taught throughout the curriculum in Music. Students are provided with opportunities to learn how to argue and defend points of view. Discussion is an important tool when learning about different types of Music from different cultures. Students learn that Music and Cultures change over time and they reflect on the behaviours of others in shaping the world around them.

Social learning is at the heart of the Music curriculum. Students are given opportunities to work in friendship groups, paired work, independently and with students that they don't know. Music is a form of communication and this breaks down learning barriers for all students, making the curriculum accessible. The students develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes. Music at Trafalgar provides individual and collective experiences that contributes to a students' social development. Through group collaboration students develop social skills as they realise the necessity of pooling ideas, then selecting and developing them with a large degree of co-operation and mutual agreement. Similarly, a performer requires the ability to accept their appropriate place in the group, whether it is the solo or a supportive role. They should also be aware that they have a responsibility to the rest of the group and must not let them down. Music provides the opportunity to explore and express ideas and feelings. Throughout this process, students will develop their ability to identify, listen to, understand and respect the views and values of others in discussion.

Cultural learning involves learning about Music from a wide variety of traditions, genres, forms and purposes. Students are taught to recognise, and appreciate, differences types of Music.

The Music Department also offers opportunities for students to develop SMSC outside of the classroom experience. This includes a variety of clubs such as Wind Band, Choir, Soul Band and Keyboard Club. These are open to all years and cover a variety of music genres. Groups are then invited to play in public concerts throughout the year. Including the Community Christmas Concert. Students are also invited to attend trips to watch performances, artists and musical theatre. The extra-curricular opportunities allow students to broaden their minds and develop their learning experiences through Music.

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