

# MUSIC

## A Level

### Why Study this course?

- You enjoy performing both as part of an ensemble and individually
- You are interested in developing an understanding of different genres from classical to jazz and world music to popular
- You are grade 5 standard in one musical instrument (ABRSM or equivalent)
- You are grade 5 standard in music theory (ABRSM or equivalent)
- You enjoy listening to music, reading and researching
- You would like to develop an understanding of composing in traditional and non-traditional styles
- You would like to develop theoretical knowledge and part writing skills.



### Career Progression

- Many of our students have successfully secured places in prestigious conservatoires and universities, including The Royal Northern College of Music, The Royal Academy of Music and Birmingham Conservatoire.
- Students may also go on to have successful careers in the music industry working as performers, session musicians, in radio, television, music production and music journalism.

### What You'll Study

#### Year 1:

Students are taught in small A Level groups which allows for one to one support across the whole course. Course content is taught through practical based lessons, listening, analysis and composing.

Component 1: Section A - Appraising Music

Component 1: Section B - Analysis and contextual understanding

Component 1: Section C - Jazz

Component 2: Performance

Component 3: Composition - free brief

General musical theory and building upon prior skills.

#### Year 2:

Component 1: Section A - Appraising Music

Component 1: Section C - Analysis and contextual understanding

Component 1: Section C - Pop

Component 2: Performance

Component 3: Composition 2 - externally set brief

General musical theory and building upon prior skills.



# Why study Music at PWSFC?

## Why I chose Music

*"As a performer I was intrigued by the amazing opportunities on offer within the EPA Faculty. Since studying music, I have joined the Manchester United Foundation Choir and taken on a variety of lead roles in school shows. The Music Department has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and the teachers are more than happy to help you if you are struggling. There are also a number of private instrumental/ vocal lessons on offer, giving you an opportunity to work with professionals." - Shauna*

## If you like this subject, you may also like:

Music Technology, Drama, History, English Literature, English Language, Media Studies, Mathematics, ICT

## Why Parrs Wood?

- We have strong links with Manchester University, the Northern Chamber Orchestra who give live performances of set works and will also perform and record your compositions.
- There are regular opportunities to hear the BBC Philharmonic and Halle Orchestra perform, as well as trips to see musical theatre productions at the Palace and Lowry.
- Parrs Wood Sixth Form has some of the best performing opportunities available. These include performing at the Royal Northern College of Music, The Bridgewater Hall, Didsbury Arts Festival and Stockport Plaza.
- There are many ensembles to join including Symphony Orchestra, Big Band, Harmony Choir, Whole School Choir, Wind Band, Jazz and Rock Bands.
- Strong links with the community through performances at The Christie Hospital
- Jazz Band performed at Chetham's School of Music's 50th Anniversary Festival
- The Big Band performed at the RNCM Jazz Ticket event, celebrating 100 years of Jazz Greats
- Opportunities to attend workshops with Salford University on performing arts careers

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