



# Music

**Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.**

– Plato

## Intent:

### Rationale

- At Cardinal Wiseman, we believe that music is a potential in every individual that, like all potential, this God-given talent should be developed to its fullest.
- The music department, aptly named **Saint Cecilia** after the patron Saint of music, is placed in the heart of the school; it is purpose built for the delivery of music through the teaching rooms, practice break out rooms and the recording studio.
- As a Catholic school, our faith has been entwined with faith with Saint Augustine quoted to say '*He who sings prays twice*' this chimes with singing being the golden thread of the music curriculum. The increasing presence of our chaplaincy team and their musical expertise has enhanced the provision for music at Cardinal Wiseman beyond the timetabled music lessons. Since the introduction of music through our Chaplaincy, we have begun to overcome the challenges for pupils through their early teenage years to be shy at singing.
- Through the opportunities of praise, liturgy, ensembles, choirs and orchestra, music teaches students about unique aspects of their relationships with other human beings and with the world around them, in their own and other cultures. It is a strong vehicle for developing the Catholic Character development of our pupils alongside our [Romero Child Charter](#).
- Music opens avenues of success for students who may have problems in other areas of curriculum; it opens approaches to learning that can be applied in other contexts. We believe that we should unlock potential and remove barriers so that all children and young people with musical interests and talents have the opportunity to progress; whether a student identifies an ambition to be a performer, a composer, a budding scholar of music history we want the contemporary study and practice of the subject, and the ways in which music contributes to society more broadly.
- Music provides an outlet for creativity, self-expression, individual uniqueness, and expression of our faith. It enables us to express our most inner thoughts and feelings,
- Both members of staff play instruments, Flute, piccolo, piano, Keyboard, as well as voice, both being able to bring different musical aspects to the department.
- We actively want to contribute and play our role, in growing the next generations of musicians, peripatetic teachers, music teachers alongside other careers in music so that no longer will there be a shortage.

Cardinal Wiseman – pupil take up of music

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