Music

Aims

Music is a skill for life which all children should have an opportunity to avail of. Music, of all kinds, makes a unique contribution to the life of Castlederg High School. The main aim of the Music Department is to develop all pupils' musical ability by providing them with various experiences to make and respond to a diverse range of music. These experiences are provided within the classroom and through a number of extra-curricular activities.

Key Stage 3

All pupils study Music in Key Stage 3. Pupils are provided with exciting opportunities to develop three vital musical skills:

- Listening and Appraising
- Composing
- Performing

GCSE

Provision is made for pupils to study GCSE Music.
Making and responding to music nurtures many other transferable skills. These include:

- Being creative
- Working independently
- Working effectively with others
- Persisting with tasks/activities
- Development of self-confidence
- Communication

The GCSE specification has three components:
Component 1: Performing and Appraising
Component 2: Composing
Component 3: Listening and Appraising

A Level

Provision is also made for pupils to study A Level Music (CCEA).

AS and A Level Music

Unit 1: Performing
Solo performance
Viva voce

Unit 2: Composing
Composition Task
or
Composition with Technology Task

Unit 3: Responding to Music

Two external written examinations



- Test of aural perception
- Written examination

Careers linked with Music:

- Member of a pop band
- Army Musician
- Member of an orchestra
- Songwriter/Arranger
- DJ
- Teacher
- Instrumental/Vocal Tutor
- Music Retailing
- Arts Administration
- Singer
- Recording Studio Engineer





