



## **Head of Department – Mr A Newell**

### **Music**

#### **What will pupils gain from this subject?**

Music lessons in KS3 boast the opportunity to learn through state of the art equipment and progressive teaching techniques. Llanwern music believes in preparing pupils for 'today's music world' and use live instruments and technology including I-Mac computers to do this. Pupils learn in a range of manners as individuals, pairs and large ensembles, helping them to develop other skills as well as music. The department uses literacy and numeracy within lessons to support pupils' understanding and skills development.

### **The Content of Key Stages**

#### **Key Stage 3**

Learners have the opportunity to perform on the keyboard, bass guitar, drums, guitar, percussion and sing during lessons as well as compose their own music. Opportunities to join the school's vast array of ensembles are encouraged and pupils showing particular interest may receive free tuition on an instrument of choice.

### **Key Stage 4 (GCSE)**

GCSE music allows pupils to fully engage with the department's facilities with an emphasis on improving as performers and composers. Pupils enjoy exploring various genres of music through performing, composing and listening, gaining a holistic awareness of music and the music industry. Once again 'real world music' is always the focus for learning so that pupils can prepare themselves for BTEC music with confidence. Time is given for pupils to practice and develop as performers and free instrumental lessons provided. Musical notation and theory are also taught on the course as a way of allowing pupils to access all types of music.

### **Key Stage 5 (BTEC)**

The final step in Llanwern pupils' music journey is Music BTEC which has its sights firmly set on preparing pupils for the 'real music world'. Pupils will plan and execute their own music events, learn music production and sound engineering techniques, and spend time improving as a performer through tuition and practice. BTEC Music is a course to prepare any keen musician for further education or working within the music industry