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## Music Department Information Sheet

The Creative Arts Faculty at Penryn College requires a dedicated and passionate Music Teacher to join the team, delivering lessons and extracurricular opportunities for students in Primary and Secondary classes.

The Music department sits alongside Art, Dance, Drama and Textiles in the Creative Arts faculty. Within the department there is a Head of Music, Head of Dance/Drama, and a Head of Art/Textiles all under the leadership of the Head of Creative Arts. There are currently three teachers of Music, one teacher of Dance/Drama, one teacher of Drama, one of Media/Drama/STEAM and three teachers of Art/Textiles. Within the team, we also have a Creative Arts teaching assistant and an instrumental administrator.

The successful candidate will have energy, enthusiasm and a desire to enhance the musical experience for all students at Penryn College and our local Primary schools. Teaching in a well-resourced department, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the planning and implementation of an exciting and progressive EYFS-KS4 Music curriculum, as well as developing wider opportunities for students in our extensive extra-curricular programme.

Our current curriculum is designed to excite and inspire our learners, whilst securing the key knowledge and understanding necessary to access KS4 music and beyond. As well as this, our schemes of work are developed to allow students to engage with the wider world, cultures and experiences. We are a reflective department, striving to ensure that our curriculum is exciting and accessible for all. Therefore, we will review and discuss our lessons and schemes of work regularly, making adaptations where necessary. In our local primary schools, our current teachers deliver 45-minute sessions to classes ranging from Early Years through to year 6. At Penryn College, music is taught in mixed ability classes in key stage three, with year seven having weekly lessons and year eight and year nine experiencing music once a fortnight.

Our primary curriculum is designed to allow students to encounter and engage with the fundamental elements of music, whilst exploring a range of styles and genres of music. Pupils learn through a range of listening and appraisal, composition and performance, including use of music technology. In term one, teachers focus on delivering our Rhythm unit, in term two we explore and develop understanding of Pitch and in term three we explore how music works together.

In year seven, topics include: Journey Around the World, How Music Works Together and Impressionism and Minimalism. Following this, in year eight, students explore: Blues and Jazz, Travelling through History of Music and Music from the Caribbean. In year nine: Evolution of Popular Music, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Composition and Music and Media.

We are currently offering two key stage four music courses. The BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice and AQA GCSE Music. Students can choose the course which suits them best as a learner and a musician and we teach both groups at the same time, with two teachers, allowing for opportunities for collaboration. We are passionate about making music accessible to all, whether students are traditional musicians or have an interest in music technology, we design our key stage four offer to suit this.

We offer an extensive extracurricular programme which we are always looking to grow, develop and build on new ideas. All our choirs run during tutor time, as part of the school day. Students can sing as part of the following: College Choir (all), Senior Choir (KS4), Year 7 Boys Choir, Year 8/9 Boys Choir, Saracens Male Voice Choir (made up of our year 11 sports teams). During lunch times and after school, students can sign up for the following: Grade 5 Theory, Book a Practice Room (independent practice), BandJam, Penryn Sounds (Music Technology), Ukulele Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Group, Primary Academy (choir, BandJam and Orchestra). We currently have instrumental provision from an experienced team of peripatetic teachers delivering lessons in Piano/Keyboard, Voice, Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Drums and Guitar.



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We are extremely lucky to have two large teaching classrooms, equipped with class keyboards and a range of classroom instruments. Both rooms have a teacher piano and are fitted with a teacher computer, SMART board and Apple TV. Alongside this, our larger classroom has eight iMacs, and students each have their own iPad, allowing for music technology to be used within our curriculum. We have six practice rooms, all containing keyboards and older generation iMacs, allowing for private rehearsal and recording. Each room is specialised for different instruments for example: DJing, Rock Band, Guitars, Voice and Piano/keyboard teaching.

We look forward to welcoming a member staff who can develop and share innovative ideas in a successful and enthusiastic department.



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