



# Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

## **CURRICULUM LEADER: MUSIC SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **School Context**

Longridge High School is situated on the outskirts of Longridge, a small manufacturing and market town between Preston and the Ribble Valley. We have 50+ teaching staff and approximately 800 pupils. The school serves the local community and has a large catchment area encompassing neighbouring villages, a large rural district and urban areas of Preston. The school was originally built in 1959, with additional accommodation added in subsequent years. School facilities have been continuously updated and refurbished.

As a school we are ambitious for all our young people in all areas of school life. We are passionate about and committed to the belief that every young person deserves an excellent education. As such, we aim to provide excellent all round learning experiences, both in the classroom and beyond, for every pupil, allowing them to thrive and develop in a supportive, secure and challenging environment where they can enjoy, aspire and achieve. We prepare every young person for life through a consistent approach to excellent behaviour, good manners and hard work, embodied in our school's core values 'Respect, Learn, Grow, Together'. This shared set of values is quantified in improving exam results in many areas, which support the hard work and determination of all at Longridge High School.

Our vision for Music at Longridge High School is to ensure all pupils understand the importance of studying music and are therefore motivated to take this at GCSE because of experiencing a rich and ambitious KS3 curriculum.

It is the school's intention to put Music at the heart of the school and we are looking for a committed leader who is passionate about developing the curriculum at both key stages. Our pupils are highly motivated and keen to learn and we want a leader who will instil in them a lifelong love of Music. If you are this person, if you want to join a wonderful school where staff are supported to develop as leaders, if you want to make a difference to a child's appreciation of Music then please apply.

### **The Department**

#### **Resources and Facilities**

The Department has one large and well-resourced teaching room, with a large television displaying the teacher PC. There are 15 PCs all with MIDI controller keyboards, equipped with Cubase 11 Pro and Musescore 3. There is also a pair of practice rooms that double as a recording studio (also running Cubase 11 Pro), an instrument store and two large store cupboards. The school has recently purchased a full class set of brass instruments for whole class instrumental teaching.

## Staffing

One subject specialist in school teaches music - the Curriculum Leader.

There is a team of peripatetic teachers who teach individual pupils across a range of instruments during the school day.

## Curriculum

All pupils study Music at KS3. Pupils receive 1 hour per week in Years 7 and 8. Year 9 pupils are on a carousel with Art to deliver 1 hour per fortnight.

## KS4 Option Groups

We have one option group for Music in Year 10 (9 pupils) and one in Year 11 (11 pupils).

## Extra-Curricular Programme

The school currently runs a number of extra-curricular groups:

- Beginners Training Band (Brass and Woodwind)
- School Band (Brass, Woodwind and Percussion)
- School Choir
- A Capella Group (this is by invite only)
- Rock School (guitar, bass, drums and vocals)
- The peri team deliver individual 20 minute lessons to pupils on drums, guitar, singing, piano, brass and woodwind instruments.

There is also a school musical/drama production every other year as well as performing art shows and house competitions throughout the year.

## Results

Cohort: 20/21 (Leavers)													
Name	9	9 - 8	9 - 7	9 - 6	9 - 5	9 - 4	9 - 3	9 - 2	9 - 1	Total Grades	Average Grade	Average Points	Subject Progress Index
11C Music(RJK)	1	2	6	8	9	11	11	11	11	11	6	6.36	0.56
Cohort: 19/20 (Leavers)													
Name	9	9 - 8	9 - 7	9 - 6	9 - 5	9 - 4	9 - 3	9 - 2	9 - 1	Total Grades	Average Grade	Average Points	Subject Progress Index
11B Music(RJK)	2	5	6	9	11	13	13	13	13	13	7	6.54	0.25
Cohort: 18/19 (Leavers)													
Name	9	9 - 8	9 - 7	9 - 6	9 - 5	9 - 4	9 - 3	9 - 2	9 - 1	Total Grades	Average Grade	Average Points	Subject Progress Index
11A/Mu(RJK)	0	0	1	4	5	7	12	13	13	13	4	4.23	-0.81

