



*Sofia in Year 7 enjoys learning the cello, which aids her academic studies as well as character development.*

## MAKING MUSIC MATTER AT ST BEES

*This week, we take a closer look at how learning music helps the students of St Bees excel in all aspects of school and home life.*

Many people consider music as a language which everyone can understand, and with a growing international community here at St Bees, communication and understanding is becoming even more important in our school community.

This year, we have been joined by a number of very talented musicians from all across the globe. From finger-perfect pianists to creative cellists, St Bees will have their very own orchestra in the near future!

Music plays a huge part in the success of our students, not only teaching them practical skills and encouraging their creativity, but also helping them boost their character development, which is a huge part of our ethos. Music helps with confidence building, performance skills, teamwork and much, much more. It is the perfect opportunity to explore a whole new creative world that can actually aid their academic learning through experiencing discipline and creativity in a fun, interactive way.

While learning or playing an instruments isn't compulsory here at St Bees, it is something that is offered and encouraged to all students. We even have our very own piano teacher, Mrs Jung, who is available to teach and guide budding pianists to their full potential, whilst our cello teacher, Margie, provides exemplary cello lessons.

Jordan, Year 12 is learning to play piano alongside his studies:

*"Learning the piano is a really interesting skill and talent to gain. Mrs Jung is an amazing teacher - she understands exactly what you need to learn and helps you succeed from the bottom up. After only two lessons, I've already improved so much."*

It's not just the students who have an ear for music - our very own Mr Sinnett used his lockdown time wisely to write, compose, record and produce our new school song "Soul of St Bees". With a strong passion and talent for music, Mr Sinnett has no doubt inspired more students to give music a try, with talks of a student band and choir coming soon.

We have a brand-new music scholarship available for 2021 prospective students who are passionate about music in all its many forms.

This scholarship is expected to be highly competitive, so if you would like your child to be considered - or know someone who would be interested - please get in touch.

You can reach us by emailing [admissions@stbeeschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stbeeschool.co.uk) to register your interest in applying for the music scholarship.