

## CLASSROOM MUSIC

Music is an optional subject in 1<sup>st</sup> year, and pupils taking it need no prior knowledge of the subject, nor do they need to be able to play an instrument as recorder will be taught in class which can be played for the Junior Certificate Practical.

Music as a subject is broken up into three areas for the certificate examinations: Listening, Composing and Performing.

The practical examination is worth 25% of the exam at Junior Certificate and 50% at Leaving Certificate. The standard expected for Junior Certificate Music Practicals is that of 3 years class based learning of an instrument, and for Leaving Certificate, 5 years.

In Music, pupils broaden their musical knowledge, develop social skills and learn to work as part of a team while composing and performing in a group setting.

Results in Music for both Junior and Leaving Certificate have been very good with over 95% of pupils achieving an honour in the Higher Level exam.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC:

Teaching

Solo & Ensemble Performance or Conducting

Music Therapy

Ethnomusicology

Music Production and Recording

Composing and Arranging

Journalism

Musicological Research

Librarianship

Arts Administration

Publishing

Music Technology

Film, Video and TV Scoring

Community Music

## THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT:

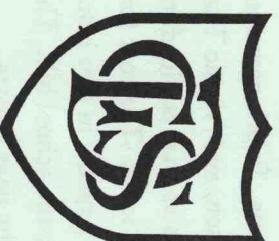
“Learning an instrument allows pupils to express themselves and grow in self-confidence whilst developing other skills such as hand and eye co-ordination, spatial and social skills and self-reliance. They also develop better memories and are more likely to enjoy being at school.”

Dundalk Grammar School

Music Department

Information for Parents and Pupils

2009 – 2010



*Music in the Classroom*

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*Choir & Orchestra*

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*Instrumental Tuition*

