

# Year 9

## *Here's how Parents can help.*

Your child should bring a **recorder**, their **music booklet** and some **file paper** with them to class every week in a **FOLDER** or **FILE**. (Recorders need be a good make by a proper instrumental maker such as Yamaha. Cheap toy recorders from pound stores etc. will not work). It is important that pupils take pride in and responsibility for their work and equipment.



Your child will be developing their practical skills on the recorder. It is important that they continually revise the notation learnt in Year 8 so they do not fall behind when new material is introduced in Year 9.



We also learn Ukulele in Year 9 using the ipad app 'Learn Ukulele in 7 days' amongst other resources. Pupils can come and ask to practise Ukulele in school during break, lunch and after school if they would like to.

A practical recorder homework will regularly be given. A homework is completed when your child can play through the piece without making mistakes and without stopping. In order to achieve this, your child will have to practice for at least 5

minutes most nights of the week. This will achieve better results than a marathon session the night before.

If your child is absent from a class encourage them to be in the habit of finding out what they have missed, including homeworks, and catching up.



Take a look at the 'Big Picture' for Year 9 Music. From it you can see all the Year 9 topics and activities - look at these with your son/daughter.



Encourage your child to take part in extra-curricular musical activities. They include Choirs, Orchestras and Bands. These promote social, personal and musical skills and are also excellent in supporting mental health and well-being.

