

KS3/GCSE Music Project

The project was designed as part of the Gallery's Expressive Arts Programme. It took advantage of a residency by musicians from the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) to offer free sessions to children from underachieving schools. Each child had up to three sessions allowing them to develop, perform and record a new piece of music.

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This project proved to be an ideal opportunity. It fitted in perfectly with our development plan. As the residency was already arranged we had to move quickly. Schools were contacted by letter but telephoning the schools achieved a better response and the sessions were soon booked up. On arrival the groups were greeted by staff from the Gallery and the RNCM. The pupils viewed selected paintings and sculptures and were shown how they might be interpreted in musical form. The RNCM musicians helped the pupils to compose their own piece of music using a range of instruments. The second session was spent refining and rehearsing their composition before performing them before their peers. All of the pieces were recorded on mini-discs.

“I would definitely like to continue to build links with the Gallery for future music events. Our pupils have got so much out of the two sessions. Fantastic.”
Teacher, All Hallows RC High School

