

# Introduction to Guitar 2013-2014

## Goals of the music programme

At LLHS we hope to increase the satisfaction that students derive from music by enabling them to understand and enjoy music through playing an instrument as part of an ensemble. In this introductory guitar course students will learn a variety of playing techniques and styles and will explore guitar music as it relates to history and culture.

## Objectives

- To be able to read standard music notation and tabs
- To be able to play guitar chords and finger picking styles, to compose and to improvise
- To be able to follow the rules of ensemble playing in order to join with others to produce a musical performance
- To be able to make a musical judgement using the various elements of music learnt in class.

## Evaluation

**Creates Musical Works** 20%

**Performs Musical Works** 50%

**Appreciates Musical Works** 30%

Evaluations will include any/all of the following :-

- Written exercises on reading and writing music with standard notation and tabs
- Research project on musical styles
- Individual performance
- Group performance (School concert, sectional work in class)
- Participation in class – marks will be deducted for non justified absences (Please see school agenda)

## Expectations

**Each student must:**

- Follow classroom rules regarding use of equipment
- Cooperate with the teacher and other students to perform as part of an ensemble
- Be an active learner and participant both in class and in school concerts
- Practise between lessons. Students are able to practise guitar at lunch times in the music room on days 2, 5, 6 and 8.
  - please e-mail me if you require information on buying a guitar.

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