



## SONGWRITING DAY

This day is suitable for groups of 8 at a time. During the day each group will work for about 1.30 hrs to write an original song. There are 2 approaches to this.

1. For pupils who can play a ukulele. They need to be able to play at least 3 chords. The group will be taken through a series of activities to produce some lines of poetry in which they will then write melody to fit with their words.
2. For pupils who cannot play an instrument but who have an interest in music. A backing will be provided consisting of a sequence of chords. After producing their lines they will be taught basic improvisation techniques alongside the chord sequence.

In one day it is usual to get through 3 to 4 groups of 5.

After the session the songs will be recorded and mixed for you to have following the workshop.

This is a brilliant way to inspire writing for an authentic purpose. Staff who are interested in this branch of creative writing are encouraged to take part in order to continue in school.

Putting melody to words is a brilliant way to inspire writing and can be applied to all sorts of writing not just poetry.

Following the day there will be a discussion with staff about the benefits of this approach and advice on planning.

Please call Phil on 07980 800 469 to discuss the options for the day.

