



# WELSH MUSIC



Wales has a strong and distinctive link with music. Singing is a significant part of Welsh national identity, and the country is traditionally referred to as "the land of song".

Wales has a history of folk music related to the Celtic music of countries such as Ireland and Scotland. It has distinctive instrumentation and song types, and is often heard at a *twmpath* (folk dance session) or *gŵyl werin* (folk festival). or *noson lawen* (a traditional party similar to the Gaelic "Céilidh").

The harp is a traditional Welsh instrument that can be heard in traditional Welsh music. It is used across a wide range of styles with *cerdd dant* being one of the main traditional styles. Cerdd dant is the singing of Welsh lyrics over a harp accompaniment.

Music in Wales is often connected with male voice choirs. The most recent example being "Only Boys Aloud". This tradition of choral singing has been expressed through sporting events, especially in the country's national sport of rugby, which in 1905 saw the first singing of a national anthem, Wales' *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*, at the start of an international sporting encounter.

A tradition of brass bands dating from the Victorian era continues, particularly in the South Wales Valleys, with Welsh bands such as the Cory Band being one of the most successful in the world.

The 20th century saw many solo singers from Wales become not only national but international stars. Ivor Novello was a singer-songwriter during the First World War and has since had songwriting awards named after him. The 1960s saw the rise of two distinctive Welsh acts, Tom Jones and Shirley Bassey, both of whom defined Welsh vocal styles for several generations.

In more modern times there has been a thriving musical scene. Bands and artists which have gained popularity include acts such as Bonnie Tyler and Shakin' Stevens in the 1980s. These were followed by a wave of acts in the 1990s and early 21st century. Such acts included the Manic Street Preachers, Catatonia, Stereophonics, Super Furry Animals and Gorky's Zygotic Mynci; the latter two bands being notable for many of their songs' lyrics being in Welsh.

1. What is a significant part of Welsh identity? **Find and copy** the sentence:

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2. **Order** these types of Welsh folk music alphabetically from the earliest in alphabet (1) to the latest in alphabet (4):

Gwyl Werin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twmpath	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cerdd Dant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noson Lawen	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. "Ivor Novello was a singer-songwriter during the Second World War". **Underline** 1 answer:

**True** or **False**

4. **Find and copy** 2 places Welsh folk music might be heard (copy the Welsh names with English explanations).

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which 2 performers/bands started performing in the 1980's?

Tick one answer:

Tom Jones & Shirley Bassey

Bonnie Tyler & Shakin' Stevens

Manic Street Preachers & Catatonia

6. In which year was the first singing of the national anthem at an international sporting encounter?

Tick one answer:

1905

1947

2008

7. Which instrument is the national instrument of Wales:

Underline 1 answer:

**Piano**

**Harp**

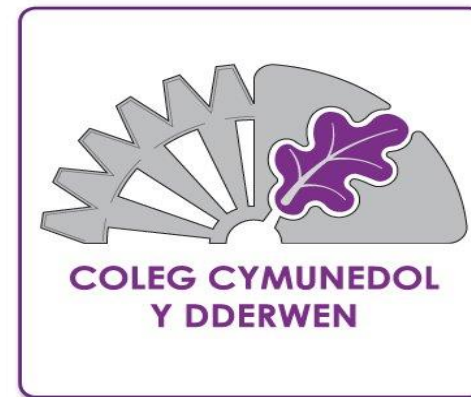
**Bagpipes**

8. Which of the following are connected with Wales? Tick one answer:

Children's choirs

Male Voice Choirs

Gospel Choirs



## YEAR 7 MUSIC NRT HOMEWORK TASK 2

Question	Marks
Q1 – 1MARK	
Q2 – 1 MARK	
Q3 – 1 MARK	
Q4 – 2 MARKS	
Q5 – 1 MARK	
Q6 – 1 MARK	
Q7 – 1 MARK	
Q8 – 1 MARK	
<b>TOTAL = 9</b>	<b>TOTAL MARKS =</b>