

Year 7

The Basics

Students learn the elements of music through listening and performing. Graphic score notation is introduced.

The Voice

This scheme of work includes a lot of group work and the final assessment is in the form of a performance. Group work is key as is a sense of fun! Beat boxing and harmonisation are used as well as singing.

The Orchestra

The orchestra is taught through a mixture of listening, performing and composing. Students write their own rhythms using staff notation and perform on the keyboards in pairs.

African Music

Composition and team work is a main element of this scheme of work. Students perform in groups in a west African style using call and response and singing.

Songwriting

Students look into different genres of music and how songs are written in each. At the end of the half term, they will write their own parody lyrics and perform in groups.

The Ukulele

Students start to learn to play the ukulele. Group work is vital in this scheme of work and performances are the main form of assessment.

Year 8

Music for Film

Students will work using Cubase, our music software. They will learn about the importance of music in film and compose their own pieces to film clips.

Keyboard Skills

This scheme of work consists of mainly keyboard and staff notation skills. Students learn to play music through performing well known songs on the keyboards.

Samba

Students will recap their knowledge of rhythm through samba. They will have opportunities to play on different percussion instruments and learn about the genre in more detail.

Rap and Rhythm

This scheme of work focuses on the use of rhythm in music. Rap is used as an example and students write their own raps. Performances as well as the compositions are used as assessments.

Pop Music

Building on our ukulele skills from year 7, students will now have the chance to play other instruments in groups too. Using simple chords, students will be able to perform well know songs in groups. This is another scheme of work where teamwork is vital.

Music Videos

Students will explore music videos, their purpose and what makes a good music video. Students will then create their own music videos in groups and learn how to edit it together using software on the computers.

Year 9

Cubase Project

Students will learn more about our software Cubase. They will have opportunities to record live audio. They will also have time to compose on Cubase, adding drum beats to songs and create their own pieces.

Performance Project

Students will be building upon their performance skills learnt in previous years. They will look at more notation, including chord charts and TAB. Performances will be expected to be of a high standard

Band Project

This project is spread over an entire term in order to get the best from the students.
Groups are 'bands' and cover a song of their choice. They then perform, record and market their song and band. Assessment is in the form of an "interview" with a "record producer".
Students will have the opportunity to use our recording studio and learn how to set up for a professional recording.