



Curriculum Overview for KS3 in Music

The table below details the skills and knowledge students will be covering each half term in Year 7 in this subject area.

Half Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Knowledge and skills which will be covered this year	The Elements of Music Exploration of the Musical Elements through voice and instrumental performance	The Elements of Music Graphic scores and traditional notation	Learning to read chords and tab and to perform as a soloist and as part of a group	Speech Rhythms Understanding Time signatures Staff notation Note values	Instruments of the Orchestral families Identification and listening skills	Keyboard Skills Treble clef notation Finger patterns Technique
	Assessment: Tuned percussion performance	Assessment: Ostinato composition	Assessment: Group performance	Assessment: Speech Rhythm composition	Assessment: Listening test	Assessment: Solo performance

The table below details the skills and knowledge students will be covering each half term in Year 8 in this subject area.

Half Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Knowledge and skills which will be covered this year	Latin Beat Andean Music Samba Polyrhythms Class performance Group composing	Keyboard Skills Treble clef notation Finger patterns Left hand chords Technique	Ringtones Introduction to a DAW Motifs, Layers, loops Composition	Simple Chords Harmonising a melody Creating a melody from chords	The Blues 12 bar blues chords Walking bass line Improvisation Blues scale Composition	Rock Band Ukulele, bass, drums, vocals, guitar Class and group performance





Assessment: Little Train of the Caipira listening	Solo and paired performance Assessment: Solo performance	Assessment: DAW composition	Assessment: Composition	Group performance Assessment: Blues Listening	Assessment: Group performance
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The table below details the skills and knowledge students will be covering each half term in Year 9 in this subject area.

Half Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Knowledge and skills which will be covered this year	Film Music Listening and analysis Solo and paired performance Leitmotif Horror Music Western Music Assessment: Wallace and Gromit listening	RockBand Project Cover versions Group performance Original composing Assessment: group	e skills skills	Variations Develop use of a DAW to create compositions Groundbass Layering Theme and Variations Canon in D Assessment: Variations composition/arran gement	Keyboard Skills Treble clef and bass clef notation Developing piano technique Solo performance Assessment: solo performance	Music Festival Festival Research and Pop Music listening/analysis Marketing and Planning Artists and set listsSite plans





Curriculum Overview for KS4 in Music

The table below details the skills and knowledge students will be covering each half term in Year 10 in this subject area.

Half Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
AQA GCSE Music Knowledge and skills which will be covered this year	Contextual Studies AOS1: Western Classical Tradition 1650-1910 Mozart Clarinet Concerto Set Work and exam styles questions. Compositional ideas using WCT concepts.	Contextual Studies AOS2: Popular Song Little Shop of Horrors Set Works and exam style questions. Initial performance of a piece in a popular music style.	Contextual Studies AOS3: Traditional Music Graceland Set Works and exam style questions. Initial performance in a traditional music style	Contextual Studies AOS4: Western Classical Tradition 1910-present Kodaly Set Work and exam styles questions. Compositional ideas using WCT concepts.	Component 3: Composing NEA 'Free Composition' Planning & Preparation Formative feedback and student appraisal against the criteria.	Component 3: Composing NEA 'Free Composition' Task Completion Component 2: Performance Formative feedback on initial solo and ensemble performance.

The table below details the skills and knowledge students will be covering each half term in Year 11 in this subject area.

Half Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
AQA GCSE Music Knowledge and	Component 3: Composing NEA 'Brief Composition' Planning & Preparation	Component 3: Composing NEA 'Brief Composition' Task Completion Component 2:	Component 1: Written Exam AOS 1 & 4 Revisited Exam Practice/Preparati on	Component 1: Written Exam AOS 2 & 3 Revisited Exam Practice/Preparati on	NEA Completion and Submission	*EXAMS*





skills which will be covered this year	Formative feedback and student appraisal against the criteria.	Performance Formative feedback on developed solo and ensemble performance.	Mock style exam questions on the western classical traditions 1600 - 2000 set works and wider listening.	Mock style exam questions on popular and traditional music set works and wider listening.			
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