

# Music Department Curriculum Overview



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Students will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of musical culture and repertoire, which is part of a broad education and a joy in and of itself.

Whilst developing their knowledge and understanding of music students will also develop their musical skills and ability to perform, compose and understand music.

We aim to inspire students to develop a love for music whilst performing, composing and understanding music and use the discipline as an opportunity to unleash their creative talents and build knowledge and understanding vital for success in music at GCSE and beyond.

Students will have regular performance assessments which will be uploaded onto teams.

In year 7 students will learn:

- To sing with accuracy of pitch, rhythm and tempo whilst understanding the need for expression and dynamics.
- How to read music at an appropriate level and apply those skills through performance on the piano.
- The history and context of West Africa, Samba, Baroque and The Blues along with the great composers and musicians.
- How to perform, compose and improvise in the genres that are studied through the use of musical elements.
- Introduction to music ICT through composition.
- Have opportunities to share performances on their own instruments.

In year 8 students will use their prior learning and develop this further while expanding their knowledge of musical genres and styles to inform their underlying knowledge of music. They will learn:

- How to perform on a variety of instruments with accuracy of pitch, rhythm and tempo whilst applying expression and dynamics.
- Students will extend knowledge of performing as an ensemble.

- Develop musical notation reading skills and apply those skills to the piano.
- The history and context of Popular, Classical, Romantic, Film and Indian music.
- How to perform, compose and improvise in the genres that are studied through the use of musical elements.
- Refine skills on music ICT through composition.

In year 9 students will develop their performances skills to higher levels using prior learning and also learn key elements required to prepare for entry to GCSE music

In year 10 students will focus on exam related content, performing, composing and a deeper understanding of music and gain in depth knowledge of set works.

In year 11 students will refine all prior knowledge in both theory and practical work and complete the 3 component examinations.

This will mean that the students will:

Enjoy music, contribute positively to lessons and embrace learning

Behave sensibly and responsibly and take into account the needs and views of others

Make progress in music which is in line with their target

Have the capacity to move on to the next stage of education or employment with training in their chosen fields

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>West African Music</b>  Students will explore the main rhythmic musical features and devices used in West African music, particularly traditional West African drumming.  Students will learn to perform different drum strokes on a drum before composing, performing and improvising rhythms.  Students will develop call and response skills through leadership as the master drummer.  Students will learn to sing in harmony in a round.	<b>Musical Literacy - Piano Skills 1</b>  Students will develop fluency in traditional notation through learning about rhythm and the treble clef whilst expanding their musical theory and knowledge of the musical elements.  Students will learn about 4/4 and 3/4 time signature  Students will develop their piano skills at an appropriate level and develop fluency in accuracy, expression and interpretation through notation.  Introduction to wider Classical Repertoire and the great composers.	<b>The Baroque Period – Piano Skills 2</b>  Students will learn about history and contextual features of Baroque music. Learn about 4/4 time signature.  Students will extend musical notation fluency: bass clef Develop performing on the piano with fluency and playing with expression. Learn about Baroque structures and great composers of the period. Develop improvisation and composition skills. Write music staff notation.  Introduction to music technology: Arrange Pachelbel's canon on Logic.	<b>The Baroque Period – Piano Skills 2</b> Continued	<b>Samba Music</b>  Students will learn to sing traditional songs such as 'Mas Que Nada'.  Students will learn about contextual knowledge of Samba music  Students will learn to perform on different Latin-American percussion and how to compose and improvise for that instrument and timbre.	<b>Blues Music</b>  Students will learn about the history and contextual features of Blues music.  Students will learn the different role of musical parts: melody, bass line, rhythm and chords  Students will use the knowledge to improvise and compose musical ideas within the genre and structure  Write music staff notation

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			Compose using the ground bass on Logic.			
<b>Year 8</b>	<p><b>Popular Music – Instrumental Skills</b></p> <p>Students will revise music staff notation and develop vocal skills in terms of pitch, rhythm, expression and dynamics.</p> <p>Students will develop fluency on the keyboard and compose using chord structures on the keyboard.</p> <p>Students will be stretched and challenged to understand extended chords.</p> <p>Students will develop ukulele skills and strumming technique.</p> <p>Students will learn about how</p>	<p><b>Popular Music – Playing as an Ensemble</b></p> <p>Extend knowledge of chords learning E minor and G4.</p> <p>Students will develop skills of playing in time and their correct part within the ensemble.</p> <p>Students will learn to compose a riff.</p> <p>Students will perform ‘Say Something’ as an ensemble. – combining skills learnt in the previous unit.</p>	<p><b>The Classical/Romantic Period – Piano Skills 3</b></p> <p>Students will learn about history and contextual features of The Romantic Period.</p> <p>Students will extend and revise musical notation and reading fluency.</p> <p>Students will develop and extend performing on the piano with fluency and playing with expression and dynamics.</p> <p>Students will learn about great composers of the period.</p> <p>Students will develop improvisation and</p>	<p><b>The Classical/Romantic Period – Piano Skills 3</b></p> <p>Continued</p>	<p><b>Film Music</b></p> <p>Students will learn about great composers and musicians in film music and identify different genres of film music.</p> <p>Students will compose and improvise in different genres of film music on the keyboard and through the use of music technology.</p> <p>Students will perform a variety of film music on the piano or their own instrument.</p>	<p><b>Indian Music</b></p> <p>Students will investigate the context, conventions and traditions of music from India.</p> <p>Students will learn about key features of Classical Indian music such as: drone, raga, tintal, alap, jor, gat.</p> <p>Students will compose and improvise Indian music through the use of music technology.</p>

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	<p>the primary chords relate to each other and the 4 chords I, V, vi, iv and their importance in popular music.</p> <p>Students will compose and improvise rhythms, bass lines, harmony and extended chords.</p> <p>Students will be able to mash songs together through the joint use of harmony and development of vocal harmony skills.</p> <p>Students will learn about great composers and musicians</p>		<p>composition skills and write music staff notation.</p>			
	<p><b>Bass line Assessment, the musical elements and the Orchestra</b></p> <p>Students will develop solo and ensemble performance</p>	<p><b>Traditional Music - African Music</b></p> <p>Students will submit an assessed solo performance</p> <p>Students will extend knowledge</p>	<p><b>Popular Music – The blues, Rock’n’roll, Pop Music, Rock Music</b></p> <p>Students will submit an assessed solo performance</p>	<p><b>Popular Music – Film and Game Music</b></p> <p>Students will submit an assessed solo performance</p>	<p><b>Traditional Music – Latin America</b></p> <p>Students will learn key features of tango, samba and Caribbean music And learn about their conventions and styles.</p>	<p><b>Free composition and exam period</b></p> <p>Students will continue with their free composition</p>

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<b>Year 9</b>	<p>skills using the AQA GCSE criteria</p> <p>Students will learn and apply key musical terminology and complete listening tests</p> <p>An introduction to instruments of the orchestra</p>	<p>of African instruments and how to use them effectively in composition using logic and live instruments</p> <p>Students will learn about the conventions and key features of the genre and study and understand how different genres of music are used in a musical: Lion King</p> <p>Students will learn to apply key terminology knowledge to listening tests</p>	<p>Students will revise key features of the Blues including its conventions and traditions</p> <p>Students will learn about the development of popular music from the Blues, through rock'n'roll, rock to popular musical styles.</p> <p>Students will develop composition skills in the style of Pop and Rock music using logic, live instruments and the voice</p> <p>Students will learn and extend knowledge of key signatures and chords</p> <p>Students will study and understand how different genres of music are used in a musical: 'Little Shop of Horrors'</p>	<p>Students will extend knowledge of film and game music including specific techniques, a variety of genres and styles</p> <p>Students will investigate how to compose music to a brief and apply the key terminology learnt to a listening test</p>	<p>Students will learn and apply key terminology in a listening test</p> <p>Students will pick the style of composition they feel most comfortable to compose a free composition in</p>	<p>Final solo performance of the year</p> <p>Year 9 exam Recall and revision of topics covered over the year</p>

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<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b>The Classical music from 1650-1910</b></p> <p>Solo assessment</p> <p>Students will investigate and understand the style, historical, stylistic features of the Baroque period and the Classical period including: Concerto Symphony Sonata/Rondo Specific genres</p> <p>Students will apply knowledge and understanding through listening tests Continue with free composition</p> <p>Students will recall film and game music</p>	<p><b>The Classical music from 1650-1910</b></p> <p>Solo assessment</p> <p>Students will investigate and understand the style, historical, stylistic features of the Classical period and Romantic period including: Waltz Piano Music Requiem</p> <p>Students will revise and consolidate rock'n'roll and popular music through the study of the musical Grease</p> <p>Students will continue with free composition</p>	<p><b>Set Work – Mozart</b></p> <p>Assessed solo performance</p> <p>Students will continue with free composition</p> <p>Students will investigate, understand and apply contextual knowledge and musical analysis of: Mozart Clarinet concerto mvt 3</p>	<p><b>Set Work Mozart</b></p> <p>Assessed solo performance</p> <p>Students will continue with Mozart Clarinet concerto mvt 3 analysis</p> <p>Students will revise and recall music from the Caribbean and tango music</p> <p>Students will understand and apply contextual and key features of British Folk</p> <p>Students will apply knowledge of key terminology and features to listening and extended deeper</p>	<p><b>Exam technique</b></p> <p>Assessed ensemble performance</p> <p>Students will recall of all units covered in year 9 and 10</p> <p>Students will refine free composition And develop essay writing techniques</p> <p>Year 10 solo exam</p> <p>Year 10 understanding music exam</p>	<p><b>Composition recording: Musicals Set work: Little shop of Horrors (prologue)</b></p> <p>Students will record free composition</p> <p>Students will understand and apply contextual and key features of Motwon music in order to analyse Prologue/Little Shop of Horrors</p> <p>Analyse and understand LSOH Essay writing technique</p>

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				knowledge essay analysis Composition deadline		
<b>Year 11</b>	<p><b>Free composition, set work: Mozart clarinet concerto mvt 3</b></p> <p>Students will refine the score for the free composition</p> <p>Students will investigate, understand and apply contextual knowledge and musical analysis of: Mozart clarinet concert (2022-23 Mushnik and Sons from Little Shop of Horrors)</p> <p>Recall Classical and Romantic music</p> <p>Investigate and apply knowledge and contextual understanding of Classical music from 1910 including: Minimalism</p>	<p><b>Set work: Mozart and Classical music from 1910 onwards</b></p> <p>Students will continue to Investigate, understand and apply contextual knowledge and musical analysis of: Mozart clarinet concert</p> <p>Students will investigate and apply knowledge and contextual understanding of classical music from 1910 including: Minimalism Serialism Contemporary Classical Music</p> <p>Revise and recall African, popular music, rock music Caribbean, folk music Mock exam</p>	<p><b>Set work: LSOH Feed Me, Revision</b> (popular music)</p> <p>Students to complete score and programme notes for free composition</p> <p>Students will study the last Little Shop of Horrors piece: Feed Me</p> <p>Students will apply and extend knowledge of the set works: Mozart and LSOH Revise and recall African, the blues, tango, salsa, 1910, film and game</p> <p>Complete an understanding music paper</p>	<p><b>Composition and Set works, revision (traditional music)</b></p> <p>Students to refine score and programme note</p> <p>Students to apply and extend knowledge of the set works: Mozart and LSOH</p> <p>Revise and recall popular music through listening activities</p> <p>Complete an understanding music paper</p>	<p><b>Revision set works (classical music)</b></p> <p>Students will apply and extend knowledge of the set works: Mozart and LSOH</p> <p>Revise and recall, apply and extend knowledge of classical music from 1600-present day, popular music and traditional music</p> <p>Students will sit the understanding music exam.</p>	•



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	<p>Serialism Contemporary Music</p> <p>Set works: Recall of Prologue/Little Shop of Horrors and Mushnik and Sons</p> <p>Complete an understanding music paper</p>	<p>Solo performance exam</p> <p>Complete an understanding music paper</p>				
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Year 13		•	•	•	•	•