



KS3 Music



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Year 7 HT 1	Musicianship: This term, students will be developing musicianship skills and proficiency in singing, keyboard skills, theory, and note-reading. Students will begin working on the ABRSM Grade 1 Theory syllabus.
Year 7 HT 2	Musicals: This term, students will be building on their musicianship skills through ensemble work and awareness of varying styles of music in the theatre. Students will have the opportunity to perform extracts from a current West-End musical, and will build upon their knowledge of grade 1 music theory.
Year 7 HT 3	Composition: This term, Year 7 will explore composition for film. Students will develop their musical knowledge and composing skills by creating musical themes for animated characters. Students will use both traditional, handwriting methods of composition, and contemporary Digital Audio Workstation based methods of composition. The skills developed in this unit will create a foundation for the end of year project, in which students will be assessed to an ABRSM grade 1 standard.
Year 7 HT 4	Instruments of the Orchestra: In this unit, students will have the chance to learn an orchestral instrument (violin, flute, clarinet, cello, trumpet), and will learn about the history and cultural impact of orchestral music and how it fits in the modern world. We will also explore orchestral arranging.
Year 7 HT 5	Hooks and riffs: Students will learn about hooks and riffs and will begin to explore popular music in more depth. We will develop our notation reading skills, and focus on ensemble work.
Year 7 HT 6	'Urban music': Students will explore 'Urban Music' this term, developing an awareness of rap, grime, and hip hop. We will also discuss cultural issues surrounding these genres and will work with music technology to create our own mixtapes.
Year 8 HT 1	Musicianship: This term, students will be developing musicianship skills and proficiency in singing, keyboard skills, theory, and note-reading. We will focus on learning chords through the ukulele and keyboard, and begin to incorporate rhythm with the drum-kit. We will also begin working on the ABRSM Grade 2 Theory syllabus.
Year 8 HT 2	Musical Theatre: This term, students will be developing musicianship skills and proficiency in singing, keyboard skills, theory, and note-reading. We will focus on 'Wicked' as our set work, in which pupils will learn about ensemble performance, rhythmic devices, and grade 2 music theory. Students will also learn about the cultural element of the piece and the morals behind it
Year 8 HT 3	Electronic Dance Music (EDM): Students are exploring Electronic Dance Music (EDM) and will create their own pieces using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW). We will develop aspects of musicianship, such as composing skills, appraising and performing.
Year 8 HT 4	Reggae Music: Students will learn about Reggae music and will begin to develop skills on the guitar. We will learn how to play melodies and chords, and will work on ensemble playing.
Year 8 HT 5	Folk Music: Students will begin the 'folk music' unit of work. We will explore folk music from across the British isles and further afield. Students will focus on performing, appraising and composing throughout this unit.
Year 8 HT 6	Pop Music: Students will explore 'Pop Music' this half term. We will explore various sub-genres within pop music and will work on keyboard skills and guitar skills. Students will begin a band project, creating their own leadsheets and covers of modern pop songs.



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Year 9 HT 1	Musicianship: This term, students will be developing musicianship skills and proficiency in singing, keyboard skills, theory, and note-reading. Students will begin working on the ABRSM Grade 1 Theory syllabus.
Year 9 HT 2	Film Music (Horror): Students will learn about the techniques involved in writing music for film. They will use industry-level film scoring software and will gain experience in writing music for action on screen.
Year 9 HT 3	Taiko Drumming: Students will learn the Japanese art of Taiko drumming and will perform as a group. They will also work on their rudiments and fundamental elements of music theory.
Year 9 HT 4	New Directions: Students will learn about popular music and will expand on their current knowledge of theory to learn about harmonic devices and ensemble music making.
Year 9 HT 5	Blues and Jazz: Students will learn about the cultural impact of blues and jazz music. They will work on ensemble performances and learn how to improvise over a chord progression.
Year 9 HT 6	Rock Music: Students will take their knowledge from the previous unit and develop their ensemble skills. Students are working toward a 'Battle of the Bands' style performance. Student bands are then encouraged to apply to perform at StanFest.