



### Curriculum Plan – Year 8 Music

Please find below a detailed outline of the curriculum covered in Music through Year 2022/23 in Year 8. Some topics covered my last longer than one block. This is to enable students to fully immerse themselves in the style of the music, gain a deeper understanding of the genre and to fully embed skills.

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 7
	<p><b>Pop and keyboard skills.</b></p> <p>learn about the origins of pop.</p> <p>Listen to and gain knowledge of the structure and formation of pop bands and songs.</p> <p>Develop keyboard skills through playing and performing pop songs.</p> <p>Gain knowledge of chord progressions and their impact on the song.</p>	<p>Music theory/Listening.</p> <p>Revise music theory previously learnt.</p> <p>Begin learning music theory for grade 1, 2 or 3 ABRSM.</p> <p>Learn how to listen to music with a critical ear.</p> <p>Listen to different pieces and styles of music and be able to pick out the instruments and describe what is happening using the elements of music.</p> <p>Use correct musical language to describe music.</p>	<p>Winter festival preparation.</p> <p>Students will spend time preparing either a musical or dramatic performance of their choosing, ready for the winter festival concerts.</p> <p>Students who learn an instrument will be encouraged to participate with either solo or group performances.</p>	<p><b>Film Music</b></p> <p>Understand the purpose of music in films and how it enhances the overall experience.</p> <p>Learn about Major and minor keys and how these change the effect of the music.</p> <p>Understand the effect of pitch and duration.</p> <p>Learn about the black notes on a piano and how they can be incorporated correctly.</p> <p>Listen to different styles of film music and start to learn how to critically appraise music.</p> <p>Gain knowledge of some of the best composers in film music and some of the most award winning scores.</p> <p>Understand what a motif is and use it in your own composition with effect.</p>	<p><b>Rock.</b></p> <p>Listen to and understand the concept of Rock music, it's origins and purpose.</p> <p>Gain knowledge of Rock artists and the varying styles within the genre.</p> <p>Listen to riffs and bass lines in Rock Music and understand their purpose.</p> <p>Compose own Rocking Riff and Bass line.</p> <p>Add vocals/composed lyrics.</p>	<p><b>Melody/song writing</b></p> <p>Learn the elements needed to write a good song.</p> <p>Learn how to write a melody and how the other components of a song fit with the melody.</p> <p>Write your own song from scratch, including lyrics, melody, chords, bass line, riff, middle 8, intro and outro.</p> <p>Listen to a range of songs that showcase the elements listed above.</p>	<p><b>Reggae Music</b></p> <p>Understand the purpose of Reggae music and become familiar with it's unique still.</p> <p>Understand the message behind Reggae music.</p> <p>Learn how to feel and play on the off beat.</p> <p>Combine previous skills learnt to perform a Reggae song in a group.</p> <p>Further develop the ability to play in time with others.</p>
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.	Performance and quiz, including listening questions.