



Year 8 Curriculum Intent

Students will learn that music is a unique form of communication and creative expression. They will develop knowledge of the history, structures, conventions and techniques of music as well as an appreciation of the most influential genres, cultures, composers and musical periods.

Students will be able to develop their listening & appraising, composing and performing skills in music, both individually and collaboratively. They will learn to engage analytically and practically with music from different genres and cultures, performing and communicating meaningfully about their musical experience.

Students will become confident, skilled musicians who can appreciate the value and importance of music in our world. Students are determined to achieve their personal best in composition and performance and develop the humility to learn from and encourage others.

Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4
Blues Music	Instrumental Music	Musicals	African Fusion Music

Key Vocabulary

12 Bar Blues - Improvisation - Walking bass - Syncopation - Swing rhythm - Blues scale	- Renaissance - Baroque - Classical - Romanticism - Nationalism - Programme music - Imagery - Conjunct - Disjunct - Incidental music	- Musical score, - Libretto, - Opening numbers - Cue - Underscore - Overture	- Ostinato - Call & response - Improvisation - A cappella - Idiophone - Membranophone - Chordophone - Aerophone
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	The knowledge you will need to recall:	How you will apply this knowledge:	This links to:
1	Blues Music - Develop an understanding of what the slave trade was and how this had an impact on the music which we listen to today. We will look at how blues music first began and what it led to. - Students will gain the knowledge of the structure of the blues music and the twelve-bar blues chord progression which is the basis for most popular music today. - Explore how to improvise using the notes of the blues scale.	You will apply this knowledge through powerful knowledge assessments regarding the key features of Blues music. You will also have an opportunity to perform using the notes of the blues scale.	You will build and develop from your year 7 topic 'Instruments of the Orchestra' to analyse how and why composers use instruments in a specific way. You will continue to progress on your keyboard and performance skills from year 7 assessments.
2	Instrumental Music - Explore how the different musical periods of history including the renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic and 20th century (nationalist and programme. - Understand the different musical features from each period and how they developed overtime. - Continue to develop keyboard skills and notation reading through a range of instrumental compositions. - Compose examples of instrumental music.	You will apply this knowledge through appraising different musical examples from a range of different periods as well as using opportunities to perform using the keyboards and compose using music software.	You will build and develop from your year 7 topic 'Instruments of the Orchestra' to analyse how and why composers use instruments in a specific way. You will continue to progress on your keyboard and performance skills from year 7 assessments.
3	Musicals - We will learn about how the musicals have developed to what we see in the modern day. - We will firstly look at the silent movie era and its influence on the future of musicals. - We will discover a range of stage musicals and film musicals from many types of genres and explore how the elements of music have been used. - Understand how technology plays a significant role in the development of musicals	You will apply this knowledge through powerful knowledge assessments regarding the key features of a musical in addition to practically exploring musical features through a range of keyboard tasks	You will build on your knowledge from 'Disney and Animation Musicals' from year 7 to understand how musicals went from stage to screen. You will discover the role that music and technology played in the progression of the movie musical.
4	African Fusion Music - We will focus on the culture of African music and its importance to their everyday life. African music is heavily rhythm based and the use of syncopation and call and response give African music its unique character. - African music has also played a part in western popular music. Modern songs have taken influence from some of these syncopated rhythms and instruments. Students will explore how and why popular artists may choose to use influences of African music in their work.	You will apply this knowledge through powerful knowledge assessments regarding the key features of African Fusion Music in addition to perform a range of African pieces.	You will build on your knowledge of fusion music and how two or more genres can be combined to create something new in a similar way to what you explored with 'Indian Fusion Music'.

Target Grade:

PKA1:

PKA2:

Exam: