

Subject: Music

Term 1 (Sept - Dec)

This term, we are studying...

Year	Topic(s)	Why this? Why now?
Year 7	Exploring the Voice	<p>This topic introduces students into the World of Music in secondary school. It aims to educate students on the importance and versatility of the Voice as a musical instrument. Embedded within the topic are pieces from different styles and cultures to improve engagement and provide cultural capital.</p> <p>Students will get opportunities to perform as an ensemble (whole class and in small groups) and also analyse examples of performances in relation to technique (phrasing, pitching and dynamics). Students will also examine basic notation which will aid in understanding certain elements of music that will extend into their KS4 journey.</p> <p>Through this topic, students will develop skills in performing, listening and appraising skills.</p>
Year 8	Keyboard Skills	<p>This topic revisits the basic skills required to be able to perform on keyboard using correct technique. Pupils will revisit how to read a variety of music notation including treble clef staff notation, chord charts and tablature. They will continue looking at reading basic notation which will be built upon during the KS3 into KS4 music journey.</p> <p>Pupils are given further opportunities to perform as a soloist, with peers and as a whole class ensemble. Through this topic, pupils will develop performing, listening and appraising skills.</p>
Year 9	Musical Eras	<p>This topic will educate students on Musical eras. They will identify how instruments, techniques and elements have developed over the years. They will discover a range of composers and identify key features used in different musical eras. They will be required to read staff notation and additional musical symbols. Pupils will get the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of this topic through composition and performance.</p> <p>Through this topic, students will develop performing, composition, listening and appraising skills.</p>