

Subject: Music

Curriculum intent:

The music curriculum is designed to enable our students to appreciate, articulate and participate in the triumphs of musical prowess across the world and the ages. Practically, we aim to give students the opportunity to create meaning through the creative arrangement of components and developing an understanding of Music as an expressive medium of Art.

We teach our students the three main disciplines: 'Performance', 'Composition' and 'Listening and Appraising', teaching the theoretical elements of Music, which underpins all musical function, such as Dynamics, Rhythm, Pitch, Structure, Melody, Instrumentation, Tempo, Texture, Timbre and Harmony, and teaching them about different styles and genres. We focus on developing cultural capital, developing students' cultural awareness and enabling students to understand the world around them. We do this in components such as Blues music, Indian Music, African Music, Samba (from Brazil) and many others, which exposes students to the wider world and historical, geographical and cultural understanding of where music originated from.

To enable students to leave the classroom with more confidence and universal interpersonal skills, lessons will build on teamwork skills, social skills, adaptability skills, listening skills and confidence. They will be articulate, develop their language and literacy skills through multiple listening and appraising activities and refine motor skills through practical and compositional workshops. While developing students into musicians the brain development consists of memory enhancement, understanding of cognitive and emotional aspects of information, coordination and dexterity, understanding of non-verbal communication and planning and strategising skills.

KS3

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	7.0 - Completion of the Baseline assessment. 7.1 - 'Bach' to basics - Conversions of Classical Music.	7.2 - Ukulele	7.3 - 20th Century Minimalism
Year 8	8.1 - Conversions of Jazz and Blues	8.2 - Music and the Media	8.3 - Drumming around the World
Year 9	9.1 - Film Music	9.2 - Popular Music through the decades	9.3 - Indian Classical Music