

Curriculum Intent

The aim of the music curriculum is to build an enthusiastic, broad and creative understanding of the subject and as a tool for positively enriching the lives of young people. This will progress through each key stage, whilst building students' independence and drive to succeed.

The creative and passionate student will engage with all aspects of music, both in and out of lesson time, whilst growing their confidence and understanding of musical career opportunities. Parallel to the curriculum, there will be inclusive opportunities for solo, ensemble and whole class engagement, including the potential additions of peripatetic music lessons and diverse enrichment from network professionals, to enhance the varied and artistic curriculum.

The curriculum focusses on the three core aspects of musical opportunities: composition, performance, and theoretical knowledge. The curriculum has recently been updated to ensure a more positive progression through the key stages, ensuring that through practical music making we effectively intertwine important theoretical knowledge. The updated curriculum chronologically includes: musical elements, the creative musician, programmatic music and ensemble performance, which all aim to seamlessly transition the student into KS5. Furthermore, the updated curriculum aims to develop sustained musical ideas, discussions, and performances, alongside a growing passion for the subject.

'Why This, Why Now'

In our planning, we have asked ourselves 'why this, why now?' Here we provide some examples of the curriculum choices we have made, and why the units have been placed in the order we have chosen:

- Year 10 begin their GCSE music course by focussing on key theory. Some will be familiar from KS3, but some will be new and needs focussing on, such as Circle of Fifths, Instrumentation understanding and Italian terminology
- Year 10 begin their coursework with solo performance and their free composition. This is so the students can improve their independent performance skills and develop their compositional understanding.
- Year 10's first theoretical unit is 'Conventions of Pop'. We begin with this as it is the genre the students are most familiar with, so they open the course with a positive outlook and strong understanding.
- They then move to 'Film and Game Music', again because it is the next familiar genre, and the knowledge learnt during composition and theory lessons is transferable.
- The focus then turns to Rhythms of the World to secure those units, before beginning Concerto through Time.
- Ongoing coursework focus to allow students to improve and develop their ideas as the year progresses





SEND adaptations

Headphones usage / overlays / Chunking / scaffolding / Checklists / Success criteria – visual aids / Modelling / Giving them a lead role – stretch + challenge / Crib sheet – GCSE – i.e. - Baroque/Classical/Romantic – key features / Model answers / Sentence starters / Praise – encouragement

The Medium-Term Planning document below is designed to show the journey that every student takes through the music curriculum, leading towards a Music GCSE pathway.

Some elements of the curriculum may be taught over several lessons, others in a single lesson.

MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 1		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
	Italian terms (key theory)	Bell Work	Theory 1.url
	The orchestra	Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessmen in lessons Listening exercises Demonstrations Performances	nt Theory 2.url
Theory +	Circle of Fifths		Theory 3.url
coursework starters	Composition starter (chord progressions/harmony)		Theory 4.url
	ASSESSMENT	Keyboard performance	Assessment /40 - mock exam paper
	Key Words: tempo, largo, andante, presto, legato, staccato, crescendo, diminuendo, rallentando, accelerando, orchestration, conductor, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, harmony, melody, rhythm, scale, intervals, sharps, flats, 3rds, forte, piano, mezzo		





MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 2		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
	'Conventions of Pop'	Bell Work Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessment in lessons Demonstrations Performances	Pop1.url
	Rock n Roll		Pop2.url
	Pop Ballads		Pop3.url
Conventions of	Rock Anthems		Pop4.url
Pop (ongoing coursework)	Modern Pop		Pop5.url
·	Composition (idea 1 – development)		Composing1.url
	ASSESSMENT	Composition	Assessment /120 - mock exam paper/composition draft/performance draft
	Key Words: Rhythm, melody, harmony, blues, scales, falsetto, word painting, octaves, pitch bend, sfx, electric, acoustic, syllabic, vocables, slides, block chords, broken chords, progression, imitation, syncopation, time signature, extended chords, distortion, range, palm muting, melisma,		

Summative Assessment:

Mid-Year Assessments will take place at the end of half term 2. These will cover exam style questions from 'Conventions of Pop' and 'Film Music' and a draft composition mark and performance mark. This assessment will inform pupil Rank Order in the subject.

Total = 100





MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 3		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
Film Music (ongoing coursework)	Film Music Instrumentation Articulation Essay style answers Rhythmic understanding Composition (idea 1 expansion) ASSESSMENT	Bell Work Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessment in lessons Listening exercises Demonstrations Performances	Composing1.url Assessment /120 - mock exam paper, mock
	Key Words: soundtrack, sampling, timbre, instrumentation, leitmotif, melodic theme, synthesised, effects, countermelodies, syncopation, tempo, strummed, texture, dissonance, loops, variation, dynamics, tremolos, ternary form, triplet, imitation		





MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 4		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
	Game Music	Bell Work Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessment in lessons Listening exercises Demonstrations Performances	<u>Lesson 1</u> <u>Lesson 1 worksheet</u>
	Essay style answers		<u>Lesson 2</u> <u>Lesson 2 worksheet</u>
	Listening exercises to the time limit		Lesson 3
Film Music & Game	Harmonic progressions		Lesson 4
Music (ongoing coursework)	Composition		<u>Lesson 5</u>
	Solo performance (recording 1 draft)		
	ASSESSMENT	Ensemble composition	Assessment /120 - mock exam paper, mock performance mark, mock composition mark
	Key Words: chromaticism, soundtrack, sampling, timbre, instrumentation, leitmotif, melodic theme, synthesised, effects, countermelodies, syncopation, tempo, texture, dissonance, variation, dynamics, tremolos, triplet, imitation, mood setting, articulation		





MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 5		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
	Indian Classical overview	Bell Work Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessment in lessons Listening exercises Demonstrations Performances	Lesson 6
	Punjabi Bhangra overview		Lesson 7
	Key features		Lesson 8
Indian Classical	Identification through listening		Lesson 9
Indian Classical + Punjabi Bhangra	Composition draft 1		Lesson 10
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	ASSESSMENT	Ensemble composition	Assessment /120 - mock exam paper, mock performance mark, mock composition mark
	Key Words: folk, dhol, chaal, rhythms, riff, melisma, microtones, conjunct, disjunct, chromatics, tempo, off-beat, call + response		

Summative Assessment:

End of year Assessments will take place at the start of half term 6. These will cover exam style questions from all learnt units and include a draft composition mark (/30) and performance mark (/30). This assessment will inform pupil Rank Order in the subject.

Total = 100





MUSIC	Year 10 – Half Term 6		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
Eastern Med + Middle Eastern	Easten Med overview	Poll Work	Lesson 11
	Middle Eastern overview	Bell Work Recall Quizzes Mini WB formative assessment in lessons Listening exercises Demonstrations Performances	Lesson 12
	Key features		Lesson 13
	Identification through listening		Lesson 14
	Composition 1 completion		Lesson 15
	Solo performance completion		
	ASSESSMENT	Ensemble composition	Assessment /120 - mock exam paper, mock performance mark, mock composition mark
	Key Words: folk, irregular time signatures, intervals, modes, microtones, doumbek, oud, harp, clarinet, accordion, flute,		
	maqsum, wazn, phrases, conjunct, pitch bend, fingerpicking, polyrhythm, drone, ornamentation, tonic, dominant,		
	bassline, 3rds,		

