

Y8 ROADMAP - Music

Subject Aim: You will learn about how to perform, compose, and how to appraise Music.

- 1) How do I learn the basic skills and techniques needed to perform solo and in a group?
- 2) How do I learn how to compose music using listening and appraising skills?

TERM 1

Solo Performance – Unit 1:

You will be learning a popular song on the keyboard or instrument you already have lessons on. You will learn keyboard technique including finger placement and posture. You will also learn performance skills and how to analyse a piece of music. You will develop your two handed keyboard ability.

TERM 2

Ensemble Performance – Unit 2

You will learn play music in a group. You will also learn how to play using syncopation. You will learn more about Reggae and the culture surrounding it. You will continue to develop your listening skills.

TERM 3

Composition– Unit 3

You will learn about how music is used in the media and advertising. You will learn how to construct music that is suitable to promote a product. You will also learn about lyric creation and you will also develop your music technology skills.

TERM 4

Performance – Unit 4

You will learn how to play a 12-bar blues. You will learn about 'b' notes and chromatic notes. You will develop your rhythmic ability by learning to play in a swing rhythm.

TERM 5

Composition – Unit 5

You will develop your composition skills by learning a blues song. You will create a B section of the song by learning how the composer created the A section. You will continue to learn more about the history and cultural impact of blues music.

TERM 6

Performance – Unit 6

You will continue to develop your ensemble skills. You will learn about rock music and you will learn to play in a new key signature. You will learn about playing techniques in rock music.

ASSESSMENT

- You will regularly perform or show your work in class. You will receive feedback from your teacher or perhaps your peers.
- You will receive whole class feedback once a unit after performing for a more formal assessment

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- Students are encouraged to attend Extra-curricular activities to develop their learning.
- Students can practice material they have been given in class at home or during break/lunchtimes at school.
- Some online resources are available such as www.learningmusic.ableton.com to develop music theory skills.

ENRICHMENT

- A full week of various enrichment activities is available to view on the timetable.

What Next?

Once completed, you will then progress onto Y9 where you will choose your options and undertake GCSE or BTEC Music.