

Curriculum Map



Subject: Music (Please see additional map for toggled Year 9 curriculum to manage class clashes)

Year group: 9

Content	Autumn 1 Reggae Performing focus	Autumn 2 Music for video games Composing focus	Spring 1 Film music Composing focus	Spring 2 into Summer 1 Songwriting Composing focus	Summer Music through the decades Performing focus
Skills Procedural Knowledge – 'Know How'	Play basic riffs on the bass guitar. Put together a group performance that uses off beat chords, a bass riff and a main vocal line.	Know how to use music software to create and edit basic loops. Compose music that creates a sense of building tension and atmosphere.	Know how to compose by creating and developing motifs, experiment with tonality, timbre, melody and rhythm to create contrasting moods	Compose a song with a clear sense of style, including writing lyrics.	Perform in different musical styles, demonstrating good ensemble skills.
Key Questions	What are the main musical features of reggae? What are the lyrics about and how is this typical of reggae music?	How is a sense of building tension created musically? How do composers approach creating music for video games?	How can you extend and develop an initial musical idea? Explain how this soundtrack creates a sense of drama/sadness/excitement.	How can you create contrast in the middle 8 / chorus? How can you refine your song? Justify your use of live instruments / music software.	What connections can you find between these musical styles? How did the social context affect the way popular music developed?
Assessment	A group performance of Three Little Birds	A minimalist inspired game soundtrack with at least 2 contrasting sections.	A film soundtrack using live instruments or music software with sync points and motifs	A pop song in any style, composed individually or in a group	A group performance in a band.
Literacy/Numera cy/ SMSC/Character	Integrity, tolerance, cultural appreciation	Resilience, aspiration	Aspiration	Resilience, confidence, aspiration	Integrity, aspiration, confidence, collaborative skills