

Subject:  
Music

Curriculum content covered in Year 7

The main focus in Year 7 is to demonstrate an understanding of the elements of music that are used in the performance of music.

Students explore the idea of texture within a singing module, culminating in a group vocal performance, building on numerous singing techniques. They study a variety of rhythmic devices in the context of Samba whilst developing ideas focused on Pulse, Tempo, Rhythm, Dynamics, Structure and Timbre. All students will be able to read Western notation and will explore this through the History of Western Music, exploring several famous melodies. Students will also get the chance to arrange and orchestrate through studying Pachelbel's Canon and the ideas of a Ground Bass.

Curriculum content covered in Year 8

The main focus in year 8 is to demonstrate an understanding of the different key genres of music. Pupils explore American Blues, Hip-Hop, Musical Theatre, Folk Music of the British Isles and 19th Century Orchestral works. Within these genres, students build upon the practical skills developed in Year 7: Composition, reading of notation and performance practice on keyboard and through singing.

Curriculum content covered in Year 9

In Year 9, the main aim is to consolidate the skills and characteristics of composition. Students initially recap reading music and apply this to three differentiated pop pieces. Pupils then progress to explore different methods of composing: Song writing in popular music, developing accompaniment and melodies, orchestrating pre-existent classical pieces and composing for moving image.