

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Overview

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn Term	Music and Me <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils learn about the different musical elements and how these are notated. They then take this and can then apply this understanding in composing their own melody. Keyboard Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils develop on previous learning to read and play notated music. 	The Blues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils learn about the origins and characteristics of the Blues. They learn how to play and compose/improvise their own Blues piece. Graphic Scores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils look at a different style of notation and explore composition in this. 	Hooks and Riffs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils look at hooks and riffs in popular songs before composing their own melody including a hook and riff. Game Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils learn about the devices of game music composition before composing this own piece of music to underscore a game clip.
Spring Term	Program Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils look at how music can create and image or story. World Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils look at musical characteristics from around the world before composing within a chosen style. 	Film Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils learn about the devices of film music composition before composing their own piece of music to underscore a film clip. Adverts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils follow on from the film unit by learning about jingles and 'background' music and create a radio advert to sell a product. 	Musical Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils study the origins and context of musical theatre before working to compose and perform their own song from a musical. Fanfares <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils study fanfares before composing and performing their own fanfare for the Olympic Games.
Summer Term	Band Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils learn basic skills on a range of instruments before performing a piece of music while working as an ensemble. Music in the Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils develop music in the industry knowledge, by putting on and performing at their own event. 	Composers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will study the main musical periods in western music, after learning the different characteristics will compose and perform a piece in the style of a chose era. Reggae	Podcasts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils develop music production skills and will create a podcast series.