



Key Stage 3 Curriculum - Music

Music is compulsory for Year 7 and 8. In Year 9 it becomes an option subject.

Year 7: A single lesson every week

Year 8: Two single lessons every week

Year 9: A double lesson every week as an option choice.

- Through the study of a variety of genres and forms the Key Stage 3 curriculum aims to develop pupils' skills in:
 - Performance
 - Composition
 - Listening and appraising

- All pupils will use:
 - Keyboards
 - Percussion (pitched and unpitched)
 - Guitars
 - Ukuleles
 - Voices
 - Garage Band

Garage Band enables pupils to record, edit and adapt their work using digital software. The ability to plug in and record guitars and voices as well as use keyboard and prerecorded loops makes it accessible for all pupils to create in styles from Reggae to Hip hop, Classical to Blues.

Year 7		Year 8	
Unit 1	African Polyrhythms	Unit 1	Practical Skills and Performance
Unit 2	Practical skills and Performance	Unit 2	Dance Music Blues
Unit 3	Children's Song Writing	Unit 3	Reggae Theme and Variations
Unit 4	Ukulele and Folk Performance	Unit 4	Band Instrument Skills Film Music
Unit 5	Band Scheme	Unit 5	Band Scheme Music and Adverts
Unit 6	Chinese Ternary Composition	Unit 6	Radio Project Performance Showcase

Pupils are assessed on one main activity for each unit. This will be either a solo performance, group performance or a composition task. There will also be one main listening exercise each unit.