

Key Stage 3 Overview

The Musical Element (Core Knowledge) Focus is not exhaustive of what will be played, performed, composed and discussed in the classroom. All musical elements will be discussed throughout the key stage. All engagement with music will develop students' unconscious understanding of the musical elements.

The end point of the key stage is that all students have an aural and conceptual understanding of the Musical Elements: rhythm, metre, tempo, melody, harmony, tonality, structure, sonority, dynamics, and texture. Students will have the opportunity to explore the musical elements through listening, performing and composing in a range of musical traditions and styles.

	Musical Elements Focus	Topics	Musical activities	
	Scope and Sequence: Music Tracks is designed to give students a musical experience with depth and consistency throughout the year. Students are introduced to the main musical elements of pitch (melody, tonality, harmony) and time (rhythm, tempo, metre) by regular interaction with sequential repertoire. Students are introduced to musical notation and taught to apply it through performance.			
Year 7 Music Tracks Programme (1 year programme)	The Music Tracks programme is an opportunity for students to develop their understanding of all elements through performance-based study of an instrument. Melody: Pitches as appropriate to the level and drawn from the repertoire Rhythm: Simple time rhythms Music Notation: Able to read simple melodies Develop unconscious understanding of all musical elements through participation solo and ensemble music.	Western Classical Tradition Jazz and Popular Music	 Students will regularly be exposed to repertoire from the Western Classical Tradition with an emphasis on repertoire of their instrument. Performance: Students will learn an orchestral instrument for 1 year. Students will develop their instrumental skill on their instrument. Composing: Students will compose short melodies and phrase on their instrument. Student will improvise melodies on their instrument. 	



	Scope and Sequence: The year 7 curriculum is designed to introduce all of the musical elements through the course of the year. The most basic elements of time (rhythm, tempo, metre), and pitch (melody), are introduced first through singing and some instrumental performance. Students then move on to the expressive/emotive musical elements such as sonority and dynamics, as well as looking at various ways to combine sounds through the study of musical textures. Students will be taught to exploit the musical elements through composing and to understand how other composers and musicians have used the elements to create music with purpose/intent. In terms 3 and 4 students are introduced to music technology through the use of Digital Audio Workstations including midi keyboards and Logic Pro.		
Year 7	Introduction to time	Folk songs	Listening
Terms 1 + 2	Students begin the key stage with an exploration of the elements related to time: rhythm, metre and tempo. Rhythm: Simple time subdivisions Polyrhythm Syncopation Metre: Compound and Simple time signatures Texture: Polyphonic texture Call and response Unison	Kpanlogo	 Students will listen to a variety of music from various cultures and traditions. Performance Singing folk songs from many cultures Kpanlogo polyrhythmic group performance Whole class ensemble Composition Composing 1 bar rhythms
Year 7	Introduction to pitch	Folk Songs	Listening
Terms 3 + 4	Students move onto an exploration of two of the elements related to pitch: melody and tonality. Melody:	Minimalism Indian Classical tradition	Performance Singing Perform minimalist ostinato



	 Step and leap Ascending and descending Shape Patterns Phrase Tonality: Major and minor Modal Pentatonic 	Arabic Melodies	 Improvising and composing minimalist cells Improvise using modes
Year 7 Terms 5 + 6	Musical purpose Students start to understand how the elements of rhythm, metre, tempo, melody and tonality are combined to create a purpose in music. Students also begin to consider the 'bigger picture' by looking at how texture and instrument choices can create purpose in music.	Western Classical Tradition Music for stage and screen	Performance • Perform pieces from the Western Classical Tradition • Perform leitmotifs Compose
	 Melody and accompaniment Sonority: Instruments from the Western Classical Tradition Synthesized sounds Dynamics: Soft, loud, sudden and gradual changes in dynamics Piano, forte, crescendo, diminuendo 	Gaming music	Melodies for purpose



	Scope and sequence: The year 8 curriculum begins by rev	visiting the basic n	nusical elements of time (rhythm, metre, tempo) and pitch		
	(melody, tonality) through a study of Spirituals. This also	introduces the m	ajor contextual perspective of the year 8 curriculum – an		
	examination of the influence and impact of musicians of the African diaspora. The element of harmony is introduced in term 2 building of students understanding of pitch through a study of the blues, reggae, and funk. Students then apply their musical knowledge and skills to				
	create a piece of music for use in a film before moving on to more complex understanding of rhythm, metre, and texture through st				
	samba. Students use music technology to create sequen	ced performances	and compose through terms 2-5.		
Year 8	Develop understanding of pitch and rhythm	Spirituals	Listening		
Terms 1 + 2	Students develop their understanding of pitch by	Blues	Performance:		
	learning how pitches are combined to create harmony		Cincing entitivals		
	which, in itself, supports the melody and tonality.		Singing spirituals Performing major triads in C major		
	Students revisit and build on their knowledge of		Performing major triads in C majorPerforming swing rhythms		
	rhythm through the understanding of more complex	Group ensemble experience			
	rhythmic devices: syncopation and swing.	Group ensemble experience	Group ensemble experience		
	Triytillilic devices. Syncopation and swing.		Composition:		
	Melody:		·		
	s Stan and loan		 Improvising melodies with the blues scale 		
	Step and leapAscending and descending				
	Shape				
	Patterns				
	Harmony:				
	Primary chords in a major key				
	Tonality:				
	Pentatonic				
	Blues scale				
	Rhythm:				



Year 8	Syncopation Musical purpose	Film Music	Performance:
	Rhythm:		
	Primary chords in a major keyExtended chords		
	 Step and leap Ascending and descending Shape Patterns Harmony:		
	Students further develop their understanding of melody and rhythm by composing their own riffs. Melody:		Compose funk riffs
Terms 3 + 4	Students develop their understanding of harmony by revisiting primary chords and moving onto extended chords. Students revisit and build on their knowledge of rhythm through the understanding of more rhythmic devices: skank and backbeat.	Reggae	 Performance: Perform primary chords with skank rhythm Perform backbeat drum rhythm Group ensemble experience in Reggae performance Composition:
Year 8	 Syncopation Swing rhythm Develop understanding of pitch	Funk	Listening



Terms 5/6	Students will understand how the musical elements are used to create purpose in films about the experience of the African diaspora. Texture: • Melody and accompaniment Tonality: • Major • Minor • Atonality Sonority: • Instruments from the Western Classical Tradition • Popular music instruments • Synthesized sounds Dynamics: • Soft, loud, sudden and gradual changes in dynamics		 Perform pieces of film music Composition Compose music for film Select appropriate musical elements to create purpose
	Piano, forte, crescendo, diminuendo • Piano, forte, crescendo, diminuendo		
Year 8	Complex rhythms, texture and structure	Samba	Performance:
Terms 5/6	Students develop their understanding of rhythm through understanding more complex rhythmic devices: polyrhythm, syncopation.		 Perform polyrhythmic samba Whole class ensemble experience
	Students will perform longer and more complex pieces,		



	developing their understanding of structure and texture.		
	Rhythm:		
	 Simple time subdivisions Polyrhythm Syncopation Structure: 		
	SectionsLinks		
	Texture:		
	Polyphonic textureCall and responseUnison		
	musical structures and how composers exploit the mus a performance based unit examining how the elements more interesting musical structures. Students revisit the time performing and composing in a western classical s	ical elements to create of harmony, texture, mese same concepts to entyle. In terms 5 and 6, so students are challenged	If the musical elements through a broader examination of contrast and change in a musical work. Students begin with helody, and sonority can be exploited to make longer and mbed and deepen their understanding in terms 3 and 4, this tudents use of music technology is developed to include a through the study of the music of Miles Davis building on loping their understanding of pitch including extended
Year 9	Contrast	Popular Music	Performance:
Terms 1-2	Students will further develop their understanding of melody and harmony. They will further develop this		 Perform pop song chord progressions containing 4 chords Group ensemble performance



	knowledge through composition tasks. Students will understand how contrast, and later structure, is created by contrasting the musical elements.		Composition:
	Melody:		 Compose vocal or instrumental melody for a chord progression
	 Step and leap Ascending and descending Shape Patterns Harmony: Primary chords in a major key Chord vi in a major key Extended chords Structure: 		
	Pop song structure Texture:		
	 Riffs Melody and accompaniment Sonority:		
	 Rock instruments: guitar, bass guitar, drum kit Keyboard instruments: organ, synthesizer 		
Year 9	Contrast	Western Classical	Performance:
Terms 3-4	Students will further develop their understanding of melody and harmony. They will further develop this knowledge through composition tasks in another musical tradition. Students will understand how	Tradition	Perform elements of 2-3 pieces of keyboard music from the classical tradition



Year 9 Terms 5/6	contrast, and later structure, is created by contrasting the musical elements. Melody: Step and leap Ascending and descending Shape Patterns Harmony: Primary chords in a major key Chord vi in a major key Extended chords Structure: ABA Music technology Students will explore how all elements are used in different styles of music. They will extend their learning through learning about music technology techniques used to create sounds and arrange pieces. Sonority (Music Technology): Sampling Effects	Remix/Development of Pop Bhangra Fusions	Compose: Compose 4-16 bar melody for keyboard in a classical style Performance: Perform chaal rhythm Compose Arranging popular songs Compose bass line Compose song in popular style with samples
Year 9 Terms 5/6	Revisiting elements Students will revisit the elements of melody, harmony,	Jazz	Performance: • Perform So What



tonality, rhythm, metre and tempo.	Small ensemble performances
Melody:	Compose:
ImprovisationRiff	• Improvising
Harmony:	
Extended chords	
Rhythm:	
Syncopation	

Music GCSE overview

Scope and sequence: The course is designed by musical elements. The course begins with the fundamental elements in relation to time where students revisit all the metres and rhythmic divisions learnt throughout KS3.

We then explore the elements in relation to pitch: melody, harmony and tonality. There is a thorough grounding of the theory in relation to tonality and harmony through practical theory work before student start to compose using these elements. Students learn how to hear and describe melodies in a large number of pieces of music before moving on to composing their own melodies.

The course then moves on to elements that describe the bigger picture: texture and structure; and the sound quality: sonority and dynamics.

Students then study how the elements are used to create meanings and purpose.

Towards the end of year 10 and moving into year 11, students are then able to compose their own compositions using the musical elements to create pieces with purpose.

After a thorough understanding of the music elements, in year 11, students study their two set works before revisiting all musical elements as part of their revision.



Year 10-11	Performance:					
	All students are expected to study at least 1 instrument (including	y voice) for the length of the course. S	tudents are required to			
	practice their instrument and regularly perform in the classroom and concerts - as a member of an ensemble and/or a soloist.					
	Year 10 Term 1 and	d 2				
Unit	t Element focus Composition Performance					
Introduction to	The Musical Elements					
GCSE music	Musical styles: The areas of study					
Introduction to	Rhythm: Semibreve, minim, crochet, semiquaver, dotted,		Performance of rhythms			
TIME	syncopated, on beat, off beat					
	Metre: Simple and compound time, Duple/triple/quadruple					
	Tempo: Fast/slow, Italian terms					
Introduction to	Tonality: Major scale	Theory and harmony: keys and	Performance of melodies			
PITCH	Harmony: Triads of major scale	diatonic harmony	from all Areas of Study			
	Melody: Conjunct, disjunct, shape, phrase, intervals					
		Composing melodies				
	Year 10 Term 3 and	d 4				
PARTS: Texture	Monophonic, Homophonic, Polyphonic	Composing melody with	Performance of pieces with			
	2, 3 and 4 part textures	accompaniment	different textures from all Areas of Study			
	Layered		·			
	Melody and accompaniment					



What is the	Sonority:	Composing melodies with	Exploring performance
sound?	Instruments from the Western Classical Tradition	accompaniment	techniques
	Voices	Exploring sounds to compose	
	Instruments from Popular Music		
	Instruments from Indian traditions		
	Performance techniques		
	Dynamics:		
	Pianissimo, Piano, Mezzo piano, Mezzo forte, Forte, Fortissimo, Crescendo, Diminuendo, Sforzando		
The big picture	Structure: Binary, Ternary, Rondo, Repetition and Contrast, 12-bar blues, Pop song sections	Composing 2 contrasting sections	Longer performances of pieces from all Areas of Study
	Year 10 Terms 5 and 0	6	
Musical meanings including extended responses	Music for stage and screen: Musicals and Film Music Leitmotif (melody) Blues and Jazz	Composing in a chosen style	Perform in a jazz style Sequence a Bhangra performance
	Syncopation and swing (rhythm) Fusion styles and Bhangra		



	Music technology (sonority)		
Melodic devices	Melody: Sequence, imitation, anacrusis, blue notes,	Free composition	Perform melodies from all
	ornamentation, countermelody		Areas of Study
Harmonic	Harmony: Cadences, chord progressions, drone, pedal note,	Free composition	Perform harmonic devices
devices	dissonance, power chords		from all Areas of Study
Introduction to		Free composition	Perform Badinere and
Set works			Africa
	Year 11 Terms 1 a	nd 2	
Revision of	The Musical Elements	Brief composition	
elements			
Set work 1	Analysis of J. S. Bach <i>Badinere</i>	Brief composition	
Set work 2	Analysis of Toto <i>Africa</i>	Brief composition	
	Year 11 Terms 3 a	nd 4	
Revision:	Melody	Completion of composition	
	Harmony & Tonality	coursework	
	Rhythm		
	Metre & Tempo		
	Sonority		
	Dynamics		
	Structure		
	Musical Styles		



	Year 11 Term 5		
Revision	All elements		

A-Level Music Overview

Scope and sequence:

Western Classical Tradition (Areas of Study A and E): Students begin the course by studying how the musical elements are used in less complex symphonies chosen from the Early-Classical era. They then move towards more complex symphonies of the Classical and Early-Romantic periods.

After an understanding of the development of the Symphony from the Classical period, students compare this with the 20th Century Neo-Classical style before then moving on to other developments in the 20th Century: Impressionism, Expressionism and Serialism.

Students then go back to study the development of the symphony by looking at the more complex symphonies of the Romantic period at the end of year 12. They will now be able to make more comparisons between earlier and later pieces.

Popular Music (Area of Study B): Students study Area of Study B concurrently with Areas of Study A and E. Students will study the development of popular music by studying a range of styles in chronological order.

Composition: Students begin the course with a thorough grounding of harmony through practical tasks. In terms 3 and 4 they move on to composition techniques. In terms 5 and 6 of year 12 they begin their free compositions. In year 13, students develop their harmonic writing with more complex harmonic tasks. Students then learn how to compose to a brief and begin their brief composition.

Year 12	LO	Repertoire/Resources	Vocabulary
All through	Students will be able to:	Music for Sight-Singing	Simple and Compound Time signatures
	 Identify and dictate rhythms and melodies in simple and common time Aurally identify cadences 	Auralia	Major and minor scales Diatonic chords



	including perfect, imperfect, and interrupted • Identify chord types including major, minor, dominant, and diminished. Recognise a range of music from a variety of time periods (AoS) and by a variety of composers.	Assorted Aural Tests	Dotted rhythms All note values Tuplets and Duplets Cadences Chord Qualities
	Students will work towards a final performance recital in conjunction with their instrumental tutor.	Listening Logs 6-10 minutes of repertoire Links to Area of Study	
		Term 1	
AoSA (Pre-classical)	Musical Forms and Devices Students will be able to identify structures related to pre-classical and classical era music. Students will be able to identify and discuss expected modulations.	Corelli, Trio Sonata in F minor, Op. 3 No. 9 Bach, Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major: Gavotte I and II Handel, Overture to Messiah Pergolesi, Sinfonia to L'Olimpiade	Tonality/key Cadence Modulation Binary



AoSA	Describe the symphony and its	Haydn, Symphony No. 2 Movt. II Beethoven, Symphony No. 5 (Movt I)	Ternary Rondo Italian Sinfonia French Overture Dance structures (gigue, minuet, gavotte, sarabande) Symphony
(Classical – Style Galant and Sturm und Drang)	components with reference to form and structure and tonality. List several recognised composers of symphonies. Explain the instrumentation of the orchestra and how it developed over the period from 1750-1810. Conduct standard transpositions for winds, brass, and viola.	Samartini, Sinfonia in G major Samartini, Sinfonia in A major Stamitz, Symphony in D major, Opus 3 No.2 Stamitz, Sinfonia a 8 (La Melodia Germanica No.3) Haydn, Symphony No. 6 Haydn, Symphony No. 26 Mozart, Symphony No. 40 Haydn, Symphony No. 44	Keys (major and minor) Modulations (related keys) Cadences (perfect, imperfect, interrupted) Movement Sonata Form Exposition Development Recapitulation Coda Binary Ternary Subject Minuet and Trio



			Theme and Variation
			Scherzo
			Waltz
			Slow Movement
			Finale
			Instrumentation (Mannheim Orchestra, classical orchestra, double winds)
			Sturm und Drang
AoSB	Be familiar with a range of styles of	1950s: Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck	Strophic
	popular music and their characteristics, including:	Berry, Bill Haley, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis	32-bar song form
	Rock		12-bar blues
	• Pop	1960s: Roy Orbison, Phil Spector, The	Verse/chorus structure
	SoulFunk and Disco	Ronettes, The Beatles, The Kinks, The Rolling	Major/minor/modal/pentatonic
	Folk and Country	Stones, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes	Rhodes piano
			Stratocaster
	Analyse a range of music from the 1950-2000s with reference to:	1970s: The Beach Boys, The Mamas and The Papas, The Doors, Led Zeppelin, Deep	Moog
	StructureInstrumentation	Purple, Queen, David Bowie, Stevie Wonder	Performance Techniques (tremolo, wah-wah, falsetto, vibrato)
	Harmony/TonalityTexture	1980s: Donna Summer, Abba, The Sex	Ensembles
	MelodyTempo/Metre/Rhythm	Pistols, Blondie, Toots and the Maytals, Pet Shop Boys, Prince, Michael Jackson	Range



	 Dynamics 		Syllabic/Melismatic
		1990s: TLC, Destiny's Child, Blur, Oasis, Take	Sus chords
		That, Chemical Brothers, Tricky	Blue notes
			Power chords
			Shuffle
			Backbeat
			Groove
			Irregular metres
Composition	12ET, Chord types, Diatonic chord gro	ups, Major/minor key chords, Tonic-Dominant, (Consonant/dissonant notes
		Term 2	
AoSA	Analyse the key characteristics of	Haydn, Symphony No. 104	Monothematic
(Classical and	Haydn 104.	Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4	Modulations (remote keys)
Early Romantic)	Compare and contrast the two set works with reference to time period		Tripartite
Nomantic	and symphonic developments.		Theme and Variations
			Thematic Variation
			Minuet and Trio
			Augmented 6 th
			Neapolitan 6 th
			Hemiola



AoSB	Be familiar with a range of styles of popular music and their characteristics, including:	1950s: Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Bill Haley, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis	Lyrics and Music (word painting) Performance Space
	 Rock Pop Soul Funk and Disco Folk and Country 	1960s: Roy Orbison, Phil Spector, The Ronettes, The Beatles, The Kinks, The Rolling Stones, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes	Technology (studio effects/reverb/delay; mulit-tracking; panning) Synthesiser Drum machine
	Analyse a range of music from the 1950-2000s with reference to: Structure Instrumentation Harmony/Tonality Texture Melody	1970s: The Beach Boys, The Mamas and The Papas, The Doors, Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple, Queen, David Bowie, Stevie Wonder 1980s: Donna Summer, Abba, The Sex Pistols, Blondie, Toots and the Maytals, Pet	Samples
	Tempo/Metre/RhythmDynamics	Shop Boys, Prince, Michael Jackson 1990s: TLC, Destiny's Child, Blur, Oasis, Take That, Chemical Brothers, Tricky	
Composition	Inversions; Perfect cadences; Harmon Auxiliary Notes, Passing Notes, Escape		Melodic dissonances; Appoggiaturas, Suspensions



AoSE (Neo-classical)	Identify characteristics of Neo-Classicism and Classicism. Describe Neo-classicism with reference to the characteristics of several works.	Stravinsky, Pulcinella Suite Prokofiev, Symphony No. 1 (Classical) Poulenc, Trio for Oboe, Bassoon, and Piano; Movement II: Andante	Neoclassicism Heterophony Antiphony Parallel Chords Octatony Diminished 7 th Chords Extended Harmony Altered Harmony Cadences Modulations False Relations
Composition	Melody writing and phrasing; Develop	 ing motifs; Imitation; Sequence; Secondary chor	ds; Using inversions
		Term 4	
AoSE (Impressionis m/Expressioni sm/Serialism)	Define key movements that occur in the 20 th century and their relevant composers. Describe the key characteristics of Impressionism. Describe the key characteristics of Expressionism/Serialism.	Stravinsky, Rite of Spring Schoenberg, Variations for Orchestra Berg, Violin Concerto Webern. Quartet Op. 22 Schoenberg, Funfe Orchesterstuck (Farben and Peripetie)	Neoclassicism Impressionism Expressionism Dissonance Hexachords



		Debussy, Nocturnes; Mvt I (Nuages)	Klangfarbenmelodie	
		Debussy, Preludes; Mvmts II, VIII, and X	Non-functional harmony	
		Debussy, Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune	Serialism	
		Boulanger, Les Sirenes	Atonality	
		Delius, Brigg Fair	Tone Row	
			Octatony	
			Whole-tone	
			Pentatony	
Composition	Extended chord sequences; Writing ba	ass lines; Common non-diatonic chords; Easy mo	odulations	
Term 5				
		Term 5		
AoSA	The Influence of Beethoven on	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1	Modulations (remote keys)	
(Classical –	The Influence of Beethoven on symphonic structure, tonality, and instrumentation.		Modulations (remote keys) Programmatic Music	
	symphonic structure, tonality, and	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1		
(Classical – Romantic	symphonic structure, tonality, and	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1 Beethoven, Symphony No. 3	Programmatic Music	
(Classical – Romantic	symphonic structure, tonality, and	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1 Beethoven, Symphony No. 3	Programmatic Music Extra-Musical Ideas/Influences	
(Classical – Romantic	symphonic structure, tonality, and	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1 Beethoven, Symphony No. 3	Programmatic Music Extra-Musical Ideas/Influences Structure	
(Classical – Romantic	symphonic structure, tonality, and	Beethoven, Symphony No. 1 Beethoven, Symphony No. 3	Programmatic Music Extra-Musical Ideas/Influences Structure Motivic Development	



			Counter-melody
Composition	4 part writing; Structures		
Performance	Public Performance		
		Term 6	
(Romantic)	Define differences between classical	Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4	Romantic orchestra
	and early romantic composition with those of later romantic composers.	Dvorak, Symphony No. 9	Chromaticism
	Consider programmatic constraints	Smetana, Ma Vlast (Vlatava)	Idee fixe
	vs conventional form.	Berlioz, Symphonie Fantastique	Programmatic structures
		Liszt, Faust Symphony	Tone Poem
		Strauss, Til Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks	Programmatic Symphony
		Rimsky-Korsakov, Symphony No. 1	Rubato
		Franck, Symphony in D Minor	
Composition	Free Composition; Tutorials		<u> </u>
Year 13	LO	Repertoire/Resources	Vocabulary
All through	Students will be able to:	Music for Sight-Singing	Simple and Compound Time signatures
	Identify and dictate rhythms		Major and minor scales
	and melodies in simple and common time	Auralia	Diatonic chords
	 Aurally identify cadences including perfect, imperfect, and interrupted 		Dotted rhythms



	Identify chord types including major, minor, dominant, and diminished. Recognise a range of music from a variety of time periods (AoS) and by a variety of composers. Students will work towards a final	Assorted Aural Tests	All note values Tuplets and Duplets Cadences Chord Qualities
	performance recital in conjunction with their instrumental tutor.	6-10 minutes of repertoire Links to Area of Study	
		Term 1	
AoSA (Western Classical Tradition)	Describe changes to the symphony over time with reference to: Structure Instrumentation/Use of the orchestra/Forces and Handling Texture Tonality Harmony	Selected works from AoS Wider-listening above. Haydn, Symphony No. 104 Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4	Scherzo Waltz Minuet and Trio Adagio Sonata Form



	 Melody and Thematic Development Describe the influence of: The Mannheim Orchestra Haydn Beethoven Romanticism Programmatic Music 		Programmatic Binary Ternary Instrument names Counterpoint Homophony		
	CommissionsPatronage		Range		
Composition	Diminished chords; N6/Aug 6 chords; Pedal notes; Remote modulations				
Term 2					
AoSE	Neo-classicism	Debussy, Nocturnes; Mvt I (Nuages)			
(Neo-classicism;	Impressionsim	Poulenc, Trio for Oboe, Bassoon, and Piano; Movement II: Andante			
Composition	Exploring Eduqas Composition Briefs				
Term 3					
AoSA	Revision of Set-Works and Wider Listening (AoSA)	All works listed above.			
	Aural Skills in Context				



Composition	Composing to a Brief					
Term 4						
AoSE	Revision of Set-Works and Wider Listening (AoSE)	All works listed above.				
Term 5						
	Revision and Exam Practice – all topics					
Performance	FINAL RECITAL					
Term 6						
	Exam					

Music Rationale

The purpose of the school subject of Music is for students 'to make more music, think more musically and consequently become more musical' (Ofsted, 2021).

'Music has the power to lift us out of the ordinary, to elevate our experience beyond the everyday and the commonplace' (Keith Swanwick, 1999)

Music exists in all cultures throughout history and is an essential part of the human experience; it is one of the steadiest elements in the evolution of mankind. Research has always confirmed the intellectual, social, emotional and historical importance of music; as well as its powerful and inimitable intrinsic value. All students have the right to build real musical knowledge and understanding through engagement with a truly musical curriculum, with meaningful musical experiences at its heart. We offer these experiences through a range of music from different styles, times and cultures.

Students come to the school with a wealth of musical knowledge. From this starting point, we aim to build on students' musical experience by developing their technical skills of performing, composing and music theory; their knowledge and understanding of the musical elements and components of compositions; and allow them to understand and make judgments on musical expression and meaning. The underlying principle of our curriculum is that



students learn about music through meaningful engagement with performing, composing and listening to music. We are influenced by a number of research and practice from music educationalists (Kodaly, Orff, Dalcroze, Swanwick) to ensure we teach music musically.

Musical development is 'a spiraling and recursive process', so our curriculum is sequenced through musical concepts (elements) which are revisited throughout each key stage, with increasing challenge, to embed musical development and learning. Exploration of the musical elements (such as rhythm, melody, harmony and structure) happens through a diverse range of musical styles from different cultures around the world; for example, a student will explore the core concept rhythm through Kpanlogo drumming and singing, Kodaly inspired body percussion, Samba performance, participation in a pop band and many more contexts in key stage 3.

At Key Stage 4, students study the Eduqas GCSE Music course. The specification was chosen as the backbone of the course is a clear aural and conceptual understanding of the musical elements as well as understanding the purpose and meaning of music. Students are required to demonstrate this understanding through listening and appreciation, performing and composing.

At Key Stage 5, students study the Eduqas A level Music course. Students are required to understand how the exploration of the musical elements has developed over time within different traditions. Students are requires to appreciate, perform and compose a range of styles and traditions.

We integrate music technology throughout the key stages. Students are taught to explore the possibilities of creating music with music software. At Key Stage 5, students have the option to study Edexcel A level Music Technology. Through listening and appreciation, performing and composing, students develop knowledge of how technology has influenced the development of and learn how to create, control and record sound.