







Department: Music

What is the **intent statement** for you subject? What does the **discipline offer** young people? What is the subject's **purpose**? This should be a short, snappy statement.

We believe that students deserve a broad and ambitious music curriculum, rich in skills and knowledge, which ignites curiosity and prepares them well for future learning or employment. Our music curriculum will give students the opportunity to:

- Develop an in depth understanding of music, through performing, composing listening and appraising.
- Develop self-confidence through performance, both through lessons and extra-curricular participation (concerts and productions)
- Encourage creativity through composition skills
- Understand the complexities of music and world culture through exploration of a wide range of genres.
- Encourage personal development through ensemble performances and group compositions
- Understand how music can support the development of transferrable skills, such as confidence, self-awareness, perseverance and discipline and provide a holistic experience that they can take beyond their musical studies
- Gain a sense of achievement through the creation of music.

What are the **core aims** of the curriculum? What **key knowledge** do you want students to have at the end of their learning journey?

Core Aims:

Key knowledge:

Music is a very practical subject and this is at the core of our approach. Students are continually performing, listening, composing and appraising the Music they make. All Y7 students explore and practically engage in music across all genres and time.

Year 7

The use of different forms of notation Recognition of chord sequences and melodic development

How music is used in different cultures.

Different types of music in different genres.

Use of Music Technology through Bandlab.

Basic rhythm values and note names in the Treble Clef.

Key skills:

Performing

Building keyboards skill, guitar skills and performing with tuned percussion

Composing

Developing and improvising polyrhythms with a minimum of 4 players.

Listening

Recognising changes of pitch, rhythm and texture.

Appraising

Understanding and placing music in context



Music is a very practical subject and this is at the core of our approach. Students are continually performing, listening, composing and appraising the Music they make. All Y8 students explore and practically engage in music across all genres and time.

Key skills: Key knowledge: The use of Ground bass Performing The notes of the Bas Clef Developing keyboards skill, guitar skills Understanding the use of a Pentatonic and performing with tuned percussion Scale and more complicated rhythmic Composing structures. Consolidating and improvising Roles within the Music industry polyrhythms with a minimum of 4 Song writing skills and the structure of players. Listening pop songs. Composing for Film using Bandlab Explaining changes of pitch, rhythm Improvisation using the Blues scale and texture. !2 bar blues on genre specific **Appraising** instruments. Understanding and placing music in context with explanation of why.

Core aims:

Music is a very practical subject and this is at the core of our approach. Students are continually performing, listening, composing and appraising the Music they make. All Y9 students explore and practically engage in music across all genres and time. From Music of the Western Tradition to Contemporary and Popular Music. Music from around the world, the instruments and techniques used, to the ever changing world of Music IT and The Recording Studio. We look at the role of Music in stage and screen. Composing for Film, exploring the Music of London's West End, developing a Sound Scape for the latest Video Games. These are just some on the Topics students will cover during their first 3 years

Year 9

Key knowledge:	Key skills:
Simple composition techniques when composing for computer games Development of Polyrhythms through Samba Batucada Song writing skills with more focus on lyric writing and harmonic development.	Performing Advancing keyboards skill, guitar skills and performing with tuned percussion Composing Advancing and improvising polyrhythms into melodic structures with a Listening

Analysis of different genres of pop music.
Video editing
Reggae structures and performance.

Explaining changes of pitch, rhythm and texture.

Appraising
Analysing and placing music in context with explanation of why.

Core aims:

Music at KS 4: There is a strong link in how Music is taught at all stages – Composing, Performing, Listening and Appraising are key areas throughout. For Y10 Students, Music is an option subject and therefore a chance for Students to specialise and develop their own musical understanding and style. BTEC Level 2 Music. This continues to develop Composing, Performing, Listening and Appraising. BTEC level 2 investigates a vocational aspect of music looking at the Music Industry. This is continued into Year 11 with a preparation and focus on progression to the Level 3 at TCS6

Key knowledge:

Increased knowledge of selected instrument. (Y10)
Advancing instrumental skills

Performance technique
Extension of Compositional skills

Development of understanding of music through the ages and how it organically developed and the key skills needed to play those particular styles.

The creation of a music production linking to performance, production and creation.

Key skills:

Performing

More focus on their particular instrument, building up relevant skills and increased difficulty level of instruments

Composing

Advancing and improvising polyphonic and homophonic music into melodic structures with a harmonic structure underneath

Listenina

Explaining changes of pitch, rhythm and texture in different styles of music throughout different eras and cultures

Appraising

Analysing and placing music in context with explanation of why and explaining the development of music over time.

Year 10 And 11