



Key Stage 3 Curriculum Map



Year 7

Unit 1: The Elements of Music

The Western Classical Tradition

Students discover the elements of music. Students will explore how the different elements can be combined to create exciting and interesting pieces of music.

- Listening Assessment
- Berio's Graphic Score Cards
- Haunted House Story

Unit 2: Rhythm Skills

The Western Classical Tradition

Students will investigate different note values, that, when combined create rhythmic patterns which in turn form a piece of music. Students will explore how different rhythms can be layered together.

- Curry Rhythms

Unit 3: Notation

The Western Classical Tradition

Students look more closely at pitches in music learning a series of acronyms to learn the different pitches on a staff. Students are first introduced to the pentatonic scale.

- Pentatonic March

Unit 4: Chinese Music

World Music

Students discover the music of China. They will learn about the culture and traditions of China and how these are underpinned by a strong musical traditional in the country.

- Chinese Dragon Dance

Unit 5: Renaissance Music

The Western Classical Tradition

Students will look into the music of the Renaissance era and why music played such a large part of life in the 15th and 16th Centuries. Students will be introduced to the keyboards for the first time.

- French Dance

Unit 6: Gamelan Music

World Music

Students investigate the music of Indonesia. They will look closely at how the instruments are respected and how music is reflect in the culture of Indonesia.

- Ternary Composition

Unit 7: The Orchestra

The Western Classical Tradition

Pupils are introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and how the orchestra has developed during the classical period. Students will also investigate performing as part of a larger ensemble.

- Ode to Joy
- Listening Assessment

Unit 8: Keyboard Skills

Popular Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries

Students will be recap the use of the keyboard. Students will then go on to look at keyboard performance and performing popular music using two hands.

- Popular Music