



Key Stage 3 Curriculum Map



Year 8

Unit 1: Samba

World Music

Students will explore the music of Brazil, in particular samba and its role in the carnival.

- Samba A and B

Unit 2: African Drumming

World Music

Students will look at the music of Africa, how drums are made how music takes an active role in the cultures of African nations.

- African Rhythms

Unit 3: Indian Music

World Music

Students will look at the cultural differences between the music of India and Western traditions.

- Indian Raga

Unit 4: Blues

Popular Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries

Students will look at blues music and how it developed from slave work songs. Students will discover improvisation and how the blues scale is used to create exciting music.

- Jackass Blues

Unit 5: Rock 'n' Roll

Popular Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries

Students will explore how rock 'n' roll music evolved from Blues music to become one of the most popular styles of music in the 1950s and 60s.

- French Dance

Unit 6: Calypso

World Music

Students will explore music of the Caribbean, particularly Calypso and the way it has become one of the best known sounds of the Caribbean due to the distinctive sound of steel pans.

- Carnival Calypso
- Calypso

Unit 7: Music for Television

Popular Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries

Students will investigate how music is used to enhance television shows using Tom and Jerry as a starting point. They will discover a number of techniques used when composing for television.

- Tom and Jerry