

# KS3 Music

## Course Outline for Key Stage 3:

In KS3 students will explore a diverse range of musical genres, experiencing western art music, hip hop and rock, as well as being exposed to music from other countries and cultures. In lessons students will enjoy learning from a range of styles, including working independently and in groups, with regular performance opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. Students will develop skills in music theory, composition and performance and develop an understanding of the wider context of different musical styles and cultures. This provides an enjoyable and strong foundation for their progression into KS4. Students have 1 hour a fortnight in Y7 and Y9, and 1 hour a week in Y8. See the table below for the topics studied in each half term.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Topic 1	Intro to Music – Sea Shanties	The Blues	Band Performance
Topic 2	Pachelbel’s Canon	Big Band Project	Music Remixing
Topic 3	The Beatles – Band Performance	Electronic Dance Music	Technical Workshops
Topic 4	Hip Hop	Stevie Wonder – Band Performance	
Topic 5		Music Composition	

## Assessment and feedback:

Throughout the units students will receive verbal feedback on their practical work from which they will improve their performances. Students will also receive feedback on their written work and provided with opportunity to improve this work to develop their written responses. There will be fortnightly homework assignments linked to music theory, which will lead to students achieving a graded music exam each academic year.

## How parents / carers can help

- Encourage your child to take advantage of enrichment opportunities within the department
- Encourage your child to listen to a broad range of music at home
- Make sure your child spends quality time on their homework
- Take your child to concerts and shows to experience live performances
- Watch film versions of plays we are studying

## Points of contact:

- Your child’s Music teacher or
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