

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 through 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 whilst developing 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 Year 7 and Year 9 and 1 hour a week in Year 8. See the table below for the topics studied in each half term.

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Topic 1 | Intro to Music Sea Shanties | Blues - Keyboard | Band Performance |
| Topic 2 | | Playing in a Blues Band | |
| Topic 3 | Ukelele | Hip Hop Music Technology | Jazz |
| Topic 4 | | Composition | |
| Topic 5 | Pachelbel's canon | Reggae | Independent study project |
| Topic 6 | | Film Music | |

Assessment and feedback:

Throughout the topics studied, students receive verbal and written feedback on their practical and written work. Students are given time to uplevel and improve their work and performances. Homework is assigned half termly or termly, depending on the regularity of the student's music lesson.

How parents / carers can help

- Encourage your child to take advantage of enrichment opportunities within the department; private lessons with a range of external peripatetic teachers
- Encourage your child to listen to a broad range of music at home
- Make sure your child spends quality time on their homework
- Support your child to engage with live concerts and shows to experience live performances

Points of contact:

- Your child's Music teacher or
- Mrs Wright - Head of Department – fwright@tcolc.aspirelp.uk

