

KS3 Music Curriculum Map 2025-26

	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
KS3						
Year 7	Core Skill (including Piano and Singing)	STOMP	African Drumming	Form & structure	Music Technology	
	The unit builds on aural skills, tuning, Singing techniques, performance skills and ensemble skills. Students will also begin to develop the three core musical skills, Performing, Composing & Analysing through exploring reading musical notation, and rhythmic work. This build student’s skills in order to be able to take part in the next SOW STOMP. This also works as a base line unit to assess student’s ability in music & ensure all students have an understanding of the core skills. The singing skills should build students confidence in auditioning for the school show	Students will be spending this half term studying the STOMP SOW. Within this SOW they have been learning how they can use everyday objects to create rhythmic compositions. Through this they will explore the ideas of timbre, texture and timing.	Student this half term will be studying African Drumming. Students will learn about the cultural and historical development of African music and most specifically African drumming. They will learn about the different drumming techniques and develop their rhythm skills. They will also learn an African song – developing their performance and ensemble skills. This will culminate in in their own African drumming composition. This will be using all the skills they have learnt so far	Students will learn about how to create structure in a piece of music. They will learn about the different forms that can be used and create their own compositions based on case studies of pieces of music. They will look in detail at, binary, ternary and rondo form and through each develop their own performance, composition and analysis skills. This will build on student’s prior knowledge of form and in particular use of Question and Answer within music.	Students will learn about how to use the music software logic. They will learn how music technology can be used to create their own pieces of music and how technology can be used to sequence pre-existing music. This will end with the students creating two pieces of music their won and a sequenced performance.	
Year 8	Film Music & Intro to tech	Samba	Blues	Intro to Pop Music - Piano Skills	Film Music & Intro to tech	
	Students will learn about how music can be used to portray emotion and mood through looking at the use of music in film. Students will use and develop analysis and listening skills by looking at film music and identifying what features of it portray a certain emotion. Students will also develop their performance and composition skills by learning how to play a number of musical clichés and leitmotifs then going on to compose their own film music composition. For the second half term students will continue	Students will learn about the cultural and historical influences of Samba. They will learn about how to use the different instruments that make up a samba band and how to perform in a samba carnival style. Students will learn a whole class samba piece before creating their own compositions.	Students will learn to compose a piece blues piece music. Within the module they will learn about the culture and history of the blues and musical skills included the use of chord structures, improvisation, writing melodies and performance and ensemble skills.	The unit is split into two half with the final aim being the students writing their own pop song based on what they have learnt. The first half term aims to give the students the skills needed to be able to compose their own pop song. This includes a basic understanding of how pop songs work and also keyboard skills. For some G&T students this may extend to basic drum skills and/or them incorporating their own instrument into the piece. The second half term will then	Students will learn about how music can be used to portray emotion and mood through looking at the use of music in film. Students will use and develop analysis and listening skills by looking at film music and identifying what features of it portray a certain emotion. Students will also develop their performance and composition skills by learning how to play a number of musical clichés and leitmotifs then going on to compose	

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Year 9	Pop Music	Band skills		Informal Learning project – Upskilling for KS4	
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