

AUTUMN 1

Building Blocks

An exploration of the basic elements of music through a range of performance, composition and listening activities.

Prior Learning
This transition unit aims to recall learning from the KS2 curriculum. This unit also develops Music IT Skills to facilitate future work.

AUTUMN 2

Musical Notation and Keyboards

An introduction to treble clef notation and how to play the keyboard.

Prior Learning
Following on from last half term, students explore elements of music further and learn how to read musical notation. Music technology skills.

SPRING 1

Form and Structure

An exploration of a range of musical structures from standard pop songs and sea shanties to classical minuets...and the Macarena!

Prior Learning
This unit builds on familiar song structures that have been explored during KS1 and 2 and also builds on recognisable pop songs.

SPRING 2

Indian Music

Examining a different musical culture and style and how it has impacted on Western popular music.

Prior Learning
Previous work (in earlier half terms) on rhythm and tonality. There are also further opportunities to consolidate ensemble, vocal and notation skills.

SUMMER 1

Ukuleles

Learning new skills – how to play the ukulele.

Prior Learning
In this unit pupils learn to play ukuleles and develop ensemble skills. Understanding of song structures and a range of elements of music from KS2 and autumn 1.

SUMMER 2

Protest Songs

An exploration of songs that carry a message. Students learn about different songs and the message in the song and then create their own 'protest' song.

Prior Learning
All knowledge and skills learnt in previous half terms used in this unit.

CAREERS LINKS

Music teacher
Music therapist
Record producer
Sound engineer
Sound designer
Sound technician
Arts administrator
Event manager
Special effects technician

CHARACTER LINKS

Skills of perseverance, resilience, and determination (performance virtues) when attempting to play instruments that students may not have previously encountered. Exploring different cultures and musical structures fosters respect (moral virtues) and community awareness and citizenship (civic virtues).

KEY ASSESSMENT DATES

There is a summative assessment at the end of each topic in either performance or composition. There is also a listening 'quiz' which covers keywords and concepts for each scheme of work at the end of each unit.