

Subject : Music

Year 10

Term 1 programme of Study:

Year 10 students begin their GCSE coursework by studying set works within the "Popular Music in Context" Area of Study and beginning a variety of composition and performance tasks.

Term 2 programme of Study:

Year 10 GCSE students continue with their studies of the set works, this term focussing on the Western Classical Music Area of Study.

Term 3 programme of Study:

Year 10 GCSE complete the Music of the 20th Century Area of Study, and finish the year with an introduction to World Music.

Homework:

Year 10 and 11 GCSE students will receive Listening and Appraising booklets, with analysis and theory homework set as each set work is studied. These students should also be practicing their instruments regularly for termly performances, and listening to a variety of music styles to help with their composition and overall understanding of music over time.

Assessment:

Year 10 and 11 students will be assessed regularly with graded weekly or biweekly listening and appraising assignments, as well as termly performance exams graded according to GCSE Music standards.

How parents can support learning:

Check student planners for homework tasks and due dates. Encourage students to listen to a variety of music styles and time periods to support their learning in class.

Learning resources:

At home, students can use www.musictheory.net to support their understanding of notes on the keyboard as well as rhythm. Other resources include online music dictionaries (<http://www.naxos.com/education/glossary.asp>) and www.youtube.com for listening tasks.

GCSE students are highly encouraged to visit the Edexcel GCSE Music homepage:

<http://www.edexcel.com/subjects/music/Pages/default.aspx> .

In addition, students can listen to the set works at www.youtube.com.