

Subject : Music

Year 8

Term 1 programme of Study:

Year 8 students focus on learning about structure in music, initially gaining experience and inspiration through listening to a variety of pieces using different musical forms, and moving on to compose and perform their own canon.

Term 2 programme of Study:

Year 8 students explore Arabic and Indian music throughout the spring term, with performances of students' own compositions.

Term 3 programme of Study:

Year 8 students finish the year by identifying and creating their own riffs, then learn how to play both melody and chords on guitar.

Homework:

Year 7 and 8 students receive homework booklets and can expect homework once per week throughout the term. Activities include music theory exercises, listening comparisons, and practical homework that involves practicing to prepare for performance.

Assessment:

Year 7 and 8 students will be assessed weekly by their progress in class and by the work done in their homework books. A summative performance assessment will take place at the end of each half term, with the expectation that they will improve at least three sublevels by the end of the year.

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.