

Subject : Music

Year 9 2014

Term 1 programme of Study:

Year 9 students will learn about the origins of popular music through performing and composing pieces in both the "Blues" and "Rock and Roll" styles.

Term 2 programme of Study:

Year 9 students begin term 3 studying Film Music and creating a score, then learn to perform a Reggae song after exploring the style and its influences.

Term 3 programme of Study:

Year 9 students study popular music and create an original song, finishing the year studying both melodic and harmonic guitar playing.

Homework:

Year 9 students should practice their performance of works set throughout the term, and will complete research presentations for each unit, to be shared with the class during the last two lessons of each half-term.

Assessment:

Year 9 students will perform set works at the end of each half term and be assessed on their use of the elements of music. They will also be assessed on the quality and detail used in their presentations.

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.