



# St Benedict's Catholic School

*The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk*

## Music Curriculum Guide

### Year 10

#### Exam Board: Edexcel GCSE Music

To find out more about this course please follow the link below.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html>

#### Autumn Taught Content

- Basic music theory
- What makes a good melody
- How to compose a chord sequence
- Basic harmony to include cadences
- How to modulate within a composition
- Identifying different textures in music
- Identifying and recognising ornaments used within melodies
- Identifying key signatures
- Solo and ensemble performances
- The first extract Defying Gravity

#### Spring Taught Content

- Extracts, Music for a While and Star Wars
- Mini composition in preparation for starting the free composition unit
- Free composition started
- Song writing
- Ensemble and solo performances

#### Summer Taught Content

- Extracts, Afro Celt System, Bach Brandenburg
- Free composition coursework
- Ensemble and solo performances

## **Assessment**

Frequent listening questions within lessons.

Assessed performances throughout the year in line with exam board marking criteria.

## **Homework Expectations**

Performance rehearsals.

## **Reading List**

Knowledge Organisers which are all in the student shared area.

## **Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities**

Various performance opportunities in school.