



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

Music Curriculum Guide

Year 7

Autumn 1 Taught Content

Let's Get Performing

Students will learn about basic notation including note values and note names on the staff. We open performance at St. Benedict's with a keyboard project. This allows the students to use their musical notation reading skills.

Autumn 2 Taught Content

Introduction to Chords

Students learn how to play and construct chords. We learn to perform various chord sequences on piano and guitar.

Spring 1 Taught Content

It's time to Uke

Students will learn to perform chords C, F, Am, G on the Ukulele and experiment with various strumming patterns. Full songs will be performed.

Spring 2 Taught Content

Pentatonic March

Students will explore the pentatonic scale through learning the pentatonic march on tuned percussion (glockenspiels and xylophones). We learn how to compose and use a Ostinato as an accompaniment and start to improvise around the pentatonic scale.

Summer 1 Taught Content

Percussive Jungle

On tuned percussion (glockenspiels and xylophones) we learn the various parts to 'In the Jungle'. We learn how to arrange a piece of music. Students are assessed on a group arrangement of 'In the Jungle'.

Summer 2 Taught Content

Ariba!!

On various instruments students perform the chords sequences and melodies to 'Tequillq' and 'Ariba'. The unit will extend improvisational skills.

Assessment

Each unit is assessed individually.

Homework Expectations

A knowledge organiser is published on Edulink at the beginning of every half term. Included in the knowledge organiser is what will be included in the unit, what you will be assessed on, all the content needed to support the unit and 10 key words and definitions. Throughout the unit students will be tested on the spellings of the keywords and their definitions.

Reading List

Knowledge Organisers which are all in the student shared area and set on edulink.

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

Various performance opportunities in school.