



# St Benedict's Catholic School

*The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk*

## Music Curriculum Guide

### Year 8

#### Autumn 1 Taught Content

##### Blues

In this unit we learn how to play the 12 bar blues chord sequence, blues walking bassline, and a blues melody. We also look at the blues scale and how to improvise. The Blues is performed on Keyboards.

#### Autumn 2 Taught Content

##### Performance

Student will learn to play Beethoven 'Moonlight Sonata' at varying degrees of difficulties. The performance will use keyboards and pianos.

#### Spring 1 Taught Content

##### Music from the West Indies

In this unit students will study calypso music and learn to play the Steel Calypso. Students will learn the 3 different parts and then put together a group arrangement. This unit will be delivered on tuned percussion (glockenspiels and xylophones).

#### Spring 2 Taught Content

##### Rock N Roll

Students will learn how to perform Rock n Roll classic tracks on various instruments. The unit focuses on band work.

#### Summer Taught Content

## **It's time to Uke**

Students will extend their Ukulele playing from Year 7 and learn more chords and different strumming patterns. Songs will be performed in full.

## **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 are set on Edulink and are all in the student shared area.

## **Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities**

Various performance opportunities in school.