

Music Department Curriculum Guide

Year 7

Curriculum

| Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| <p><u>Let's Get Performing</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Introduction to Chords</u> Students will learn how to create and play chords on the keyboard. Full chord sequences are performed alongside a melody.</p> | <p><u>It's time to Uke</u> Students will learn to perform chords C, F, Am, G on the Ukulele and experiment with various strumming patterns. Full songs will be performed.</p> <p><u>Pentatonic March</u> Students will explore the pentatonic scale through learning the pentatonic march on tuned percussion (glockenspiels and xylophones). We learn how to compose and use an Ostinato as an accompaniment and start to improvise around the pentatonic scale.</p> | <p><u>Introduction to Music Technology</u> Students will be introduced to the music software 'Sibelius'. The unit looks at arranging music and simple compositional techniques.</p> <p><u>Jungling Around!!</u> On tuned percussion (glockenspiels and xylophones) students perform the chords sequences and melodies to 'Tequilla' and 'Ariba'. The unit will extend improvisational skills. It also includes an ensemble performance of 'In the Jungle'.</p> |

Assessment & Homework

Each unit of work lasts a half term and is assessed practically within the classroom.

Each unit has a Knowledge Organiser which contains 10 keywords which relate to the unit. The students are expected to learn the spellings and keywords of the keywords. These are tested in class.

Resources

Each half term a knowledge organiser which contains all the content of the units is placed on Arbor. The Knowledge Organisers contain all the material that we cover in class including any music sheets.

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

All students are welcome to join our school band. We rehearse every Thursday lunchtime in G1.