



St Benedict's Catholic School

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

Music Department Curriculum Guide

Year 8

Curriculum

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p><u>Blues</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Performance</u> Student will learn to play a Beethoven classic piece at varying degrees of difficulties. The performance will use keyboards and pianos.</p>	<p><u>Music from the West Indies</u> 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).</p> <p><u>Rock N Roll</u> Students will learn how to perform a Rock n Roll classic tracks in bands. Students will sing, play keyboards, guitars, and drums.</p>	<p><u>Compose a ring tone</u> Students will learn how to compose their own chord sequences, how to write a melody and bass line. This unit uses the computer software 'Sibelius'.</p> <p><u>Stand by your Uke</u> A unit based on the song 'Stand by me'. The student will learn a variety of different parts varying from strumming and finger picking and arrange a group performance of 'Stand by me'.</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.