



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

MUSIC CURRICULUM GUIDE

Year 10

General Introduction

The love and appreciation of Music adds so much to the quality of our lives. As we deepen our engagement in Music, whether by performing, composing or listening attentively to it, we come to appreciate what a wonderful gift it is. At St Benedict's we aim to give pupils of all musical backgrounds a very positive experience of the subject. We encourage them to pursue their interest beyond the classroom and many take advantage of instrumental tuition which the school provides at very favourable rates. There are composition and theory clubs after school as well as choral and instrumental ensembles.

Year 10 Curriculum Summary:

At KS4 in Year 11 we follow the Edexcel exam syllabus. Twelve pieces are studied, from a variety of musical traditions, and pupils learn to compose in different styles. There are many opportunities, from informal class performances to large occasions, for pupils to gain experience of playing in public.

	Performing	Composing	Listening/Appraising
Year 10 Autumn	Solo performance	Song Writing	Vocal Music Henry Purcell: 'Music for a While' Queen: 'Killer Queen'
Year 10 Spring	Ensemble Performance	Instrumental Writing	Instrumental Music 1700-1820 JS Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no. 5, 3 rd movement. Beethoven: Pathetique Sonata, 1 st movement.
Year 10 Summer	Solo performance Recording	Film Music Composition	Music for Stage and Screen Stephen Schwartz: 'Defying Gravity'. John Williams: Music from Star Wars IV.