

Curriculum Overview – MUSIC DEPARTMENT

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7	Elements of Music through listening, group performances Basic notation using Rhythm games/grids and ostinatos. Introduction to scales (major & pentatonic) through basic keyboard work.	Notes of the Stave/Treble Clef Composition Extended keyboard work and techniques Read and perform a range of pieces including scalic passages and transposition.	Return to Keys and Tonality Acoustic Guitar/Guitar tab Band Project to consolidate learning based on popular songs
Year 8	Samba Music – rhythmic polyphonic texture, structure and form Gamelan Music – melodic fragmentation, textures	Blues Music – chordal structure, walking bass etc Celtic Music - modes	Reggae Music – Pop culture And related characteristics. Band Project to consolidate learning based on popular songs
Year 9	Classic Rock Riffs – reading and writing tab 3-Chord Trick – chord patterns and chord tab notation	Classic Classics – Pachelbel, Beethoven Fusion – Classical/Pop	Film and TV Music – composition Band Project to consolidate learning based on popular songs
Year 10	Ensemble performance. Solo Performance work. Improvisation using modes	Second Ensemble piece Solo Performance work	Solo and Ensemble work Continued work on Free Composition/Score Writing

	Score writing and following a score. Song structures Chordal structures incl' added chords	Composition techniques through texture, rhythm and metre The Classical Orchestra Programme Notes introduction Start Free Composition Harmonic Structures	Begin work on the GCSE Music Set Works Listening paper exercises/past papers Latin, Classical features, Fusion with Afro/Caribbean Dedicated focus on Section B of the listening/Appraising exam. MOCK EXAM
Year 11	Solo Performance deadline Free Composition complete Start Brief Composition Musical Theatre – Set Works Revision of the Classical Period and Set Work. Detailed work on 'Elements of Music' for questions in Section A of the exam.	Ensemble Performance completed. All Programme Notes completed. Brief Composition completed. Folk Music, Latin/Reggae/Fusion Romantic Piano Music Minimalism Copland, Bartok Listening paper exercises and continued essays on Set Works Revision on Baroque Revision of dictation/harmonic and melodic structures/instrumental techniques	Listening paper exercises/past papers GCSE Music EXAM
Year 12	No A Level Music Course currently		

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