



The curriculum for this stage of students' education has been designed to give a broad introduction to secondary school Music by developing skills in the three main areas of Performance, Composition and Listening. In addition to exciting a love and passion for Music and Performing Arts and exposing students to a range of different instruments and styles, the aim is to identify students' musical strengths early in order to channel their talents appropriately for maximum effect. Music in KS3 is taught on rotation with the other Performing Arts subjects of Dance and Drama.

<p>TERM 1: INTRODUCTORY UNIT</p> <p>STUDENTS MUST KNOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Elements of Music. · Basic rhythmic notation. · How to rehearse and perform in time as part of a group. · Electronic Keyboard use and performance technique. <p>HOW THIS WILL BE ASSESSED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Individual keyboard performance assessment. · Short written test. 	<p>TERM 2: CLASS BAND</p> <p>STUDENTS MUST KNOW: ·</p> <p>How to build and play chords.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How to read a variety of tabs and notations. · <p>How to read and write treble clef notation. ·</p> <p>How to control pitch and follow a basic score. ·</p> <p>How to be an effective Band member/leader.</p> <p>HOW THIS WILL BE ASSESSED: · Whole class performance assessment · Short written test.</p>	<p>TERM 3: INSTRUMENTS AND OSTINATOS STUDENTS MUST KNOW: ·</p> <p>How to recognise and label treble clef notes. ·</p> <p>How to perform short riffs from notation. ·</p> <p>Names of orchestral instruments and their families. · How to create ostinato patterns.</p> <p>HOW THIS WILL BE ASSESSED: · Individual composition assessment. · Short written test.</p>
---	---	--

Embedding this knowledge can be supported at home by encouraging sons and daughters to join extra-curricular musical groups, supporting their access to a musical instrument for practical development and generally embracing music within the home. Listening to a variety of genres and enjoying music together is a wonderful thing to do.