

Curriculum Overview

KS3 Music is timetabled as one single lesson a week or one double per fortnight. All Year 7 students have access to learning a musical instrument privately. The Autumn term is designed to give students the fundamental information for music in Year 7. Students will be introduced to playing keyboard and a number of other instruments. All students will sing and learn how to compose their own music. In the Spring term students learn about 'instruments of the orchestra' and will make their own instrument. In the Summer term students learn about musical theatre. We have state of the art music technology facilities and all students will start to learn how to use music technology to complete a music composition. Students will learn how to work with others in a variety of ensembles and develop their confidence in public speaking and performance. They will learn how to express their emotions through music and how to express abstract ideas through music .

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>The Concepts of Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Aural • Keyboard performance • Singing • Music theory • Performance assessment 	<p>The instruments of the Orchestra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How sound is made • How to change the timbre of sound • Introduction to Music Technology • Music Composition • How to make your own instrument 	<p>Musical theatre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn songs • Elements of musical theatre • Develop music tech skills • Evaluate music theory and aural • Learn about motifs and programmatic music

Homework & Assessments Overview

- A practical performance test
- Composition task
- Assignment - make your own musical instrument
- Aural test and End of year theory test
- Book mark—homework sheets

Useful Resources

- <http://www.dsokids.com/>
- School provided homework sheets
- <http://www.classicsforkids.com/games/>
- <http://www.creatingmusic.com/>
- Keyboard work book provided by school
- YouTube

Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home

- Listening to a wide variety of music
- Discussion of what type of music can be heard on television shows, movies and commercials
- Involvement in learning an instrument
- Watching clips on YouTube of live performances—seeing how musicians actually play instruments