

# MUSIC

## KS3 Curriculum

### What does this course involve at Key Stage 3?

Keeping up to date with the Music Industry to help students understand the functions of the Music world and finding ways to relate with all students through different styles of Music as well as introducing students to Musical successes from all eras.

The course is an introduction to Music, by studying foundations to create music and exploring many aspects of music and the opportunities that can evolve.

Year 7

The Curriculum title for year 7 is, '**Exploring Musicianship**', gathering information for what is needed to become a Musician.

#### Autumn Term 1 & 2

- Music Theory Introduction
- Basic Notation and values of musical notes
- Reading of music
- Keyboard Workshops

#### Spring Term 1 & 2

- Time signatures
- Key Signatures
- Major Scale/Chords
- Minor Scale/Chords

#### Summer Term 1 & 2

- Introduction to Genres & Styles of Music (**Exploring**)
- Commercial Pop Genre
- Rock N Roll
- Glam Rock
- Soul Music
- Introduction to Song writing
- Poems and Song analysis
- Performance

Year 8

In year 8, students will be covering all topics more effectively and critically. The curriculum title for Year 8 is, '**I AM A MUSICIAN**'. The curriculum is designed in a way where all students can think of themselves as Musicians, exploring the Music industry and receiving critical feedback on their practical performances as well as compositions.

#### Autumn Term 1 & 2

- Music Theory
- Jazz Chords and sequences
- What Makes A Musician Workshop
- Practical Techniques/Critical Feedback
- Performance Workshops/Critical Feedback

#### Spring Term 1 & 2

- Exploring The Music Industry
- Composers/Songwriters
- Music Business
- Music Publishers/ How to advertise songs
- Critical Feedback to different styles of Music
- Impact of Music

#### Summer Term 1 & 2

- Development of Music (trends, history, social)
- Development of Music Technology
- Music Journalism
- Analytical review of Music successes
- Creation of a blog/website/magazine

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**Qualification name:**

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Technical Award in Music Practice

**Course detail/overview of content:**

The BTEC Technical Award in Music Practice is a practical introduction to life and work in the industry. Students study three components:

**Component 1 – Exploring Music Products and Styles**

- Explore different styles and genres of music.
- Take part in practical workshops to understand stylistic features and characteristics
- Learn about the different products within the Music industry
- Develop techniques in realising musical products

**Component 2 – Musical skills development**

- Choose a job role and explore the skills needed to fulfil it
- Develop a range of skills
- Apply skills and techniques in a music performance, creation or production

**Component 3 – Responding to a Commercial Music Brief**

- Choose an area of the industry that excites them (composer, performer, or producer).
- Explore the brief and come up with possible responses and ideas.
- Use relevant resources, skills and techniques to develop and refine musical material.
- Present their final response (solo or in a group)

**Nature of assessment**

Components 1 & 2 are internally assessed assignments, marked internally and then externally verified. Component 3 is an externally set and assessed by the exam board

