

TOPICS

DURING

YEAR 7

BUILDING BRICKS	AUTUMN TERM 1
I'VE GOT RHYTHM	AUTUMN TERM 2
FORM & STRUCTURE	SPRING TERM 1
KEYBOARD SKILLS	SPRING TERM 2
FOLK MUSIC	SUMMER TERM 1
INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORCHESTRA	SUMMER TERM 2

YEAR 8

AFRICAN MUSIC	AUTUMN TERM 1
OFFBEAT	AUTUMN TERM 2
VARIATIONS	SPRING TERM 1
ALL THAT JAZZ	SPRING TERM 2
LADDERS	SUMMER TERM 1
SAMBA	SUMMER TERM 2

YEAR 9

MUSICALS	AUTUMN TERM 1
MINIMALISM	AUTUMN TERM 2
SOUNDTRACKS	SPRING TERM 1
COMPUTER AND VIDEO GAME MUSIC	SPRING TERM 2
RAP AND HIP HOP	SUMMER TERM 1
POPULAR SONG	SUMMER TERM 2

ASSESSMENT & HOMEWORK

The majority of assessment in Key Stage 3 music is of a formative nature, where progress and targets are discussed with students on a regular basis. On at least a termly basis, students are awarded a level according to their current attainment level.

Students are broadly assessed in the following areas:

- Accuracy of pitch, rhythm and intonation and fluency in performance, as well as shaping their performances with dynamics, phrasing and articulation.
- Control of musical elements and development of ideas in composition work.
- Ability to discuss/write about music with increasingly sophisticated musical vocabulary, clarity and coherence and correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Theoretical and aural understanding of music.

Homework will usually require students to research or evaluate a topic. They may also be asked to listen to certain pieces of music.

OTHER INFORMATION

Students can refer to SharePoint to access numerous department resources including links, worksheets, audio/video resources and homework tasks.

There are numerous opportunities available for budding musicians. Students are encouraged to enrich their musical experience by contributing to extra-curricular activities, including a samba band, orchestras, brass and woodwind ensembles, a swing band and two choirs. There is also the opportunity to put themselves forward for *PERFORM* which is a celebration of the arts at Samuel Ward Academy.

Music Software Used:

- Sibelius 7
- Garageband

Contact Information:

- Mr T Radford - Head of Music
- Ms A Ryan - Teacher of Music
- Mr M Russell - Head of Performing Arts