Music

Topics taught			
Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Sing Out Challenge • Vocal warm-ups, rounds and harmony • Performing confidently as a group Rhythm & Metre / African Drumming • Pulse, polyrhythm and call & response • Improvising rhythmic patterns	Melody & Scales / Percussion Ensemble • Reading pitch notation and treble clef • Performing melodies from notation Harmony & Tonality / Ukulele • Major and minor tonality • Primary chords and four-chord songs	Songwriting – The Blues • 12-bar blues structure • Blues scale and lyric writing Battle of the Bands • Ensemble rehearsal skills • Final group performance
Year 8	Minimalism • Motif, repetition and phase shifting • Composing minimalist textures Percussion Ensemble • Treble and bass clef recap • Performing as a conductor-led ensemble	Battle of the Bands 2 • Developing band repertoire • Understanding song structure Programme Music • DR TOMS SMITH Musical elements • Composing music to tell a story	Songwriting 2 • Developing song structures • Instrumental and creative skills Video Game Music • Diegetic vs non-diegetic sound • Looping, sampling and automation
Year 9	Samba • South American musical context • Groove, breaks and improvisation Arranging Music • Genre and stylistic features • Creating fusion arrangements	Jazz & Blues • 12-bar blues and jazz harmony • Improvisation skills Solo Performance • Technical control and expression • Preparing individual repertoire	Film Music • Leitmotif and Mickey-mousing • Composing to film Songwriting & Olympic Fanfare • Recording and production skills Musical Theatre • Character and action songs • Final performance work

Year Group	What parents can do to support learning	Useful links and reference materials	Revision for end of Year Exam
Year 7	Encourage regular singing or instrument practice. Listen to a wide range of music together. Support learning of basic musical vocabulary.	BBC Bitesize KS3 Music YouTube listening set by teachers www.musictheory.net www.teoria.com https://teachinggadget.com/	Learn key words list Practise rhythms and notation reading
Year 8	Discuss music from films and games. Encourage creative composition work. Support regular practice.	BBC Bitesize KS3 Music Teacher-set listening resources www.musictheory.net www.teoria.com https://teachinggadget.com/	Learn key words. Practice rhythm and pitch notation
Year 9	Support independent practice. Encourage listening across different genres. Attend concerts or school performances where possible	BBC Bitesize KS3 Music Exam board support materials www.musictheory.net www.teoria.com https://teachinggadget.com/	Learn key words list Wider listening – Research Jazz, Blues and film music