

Year 8 Music Learning Journey

What makes a good song?

Builds on from Year 6: Understand Staff and other musical notation and Year 7 Musical Elements

Explore the components that make a good song with an emphasis on Lyrics and Instrumentation. Students will write their own song and arrange this with a selection of instruments before performing to the class.

Riffs and Hooks

Builds on from Year 6: History Music Styles, perform in Ensembles, Year 7 Keyboard Skills and Year 7 World Music.

Develop the ability to recognise a 'riff' and/or 'hook' in a piece of pop or rock music. This will raise student awareness on the effectiveness of repetition within music. Students will perform pop riff's and compose.

Start of the Year

Music Through the Decade's

Builds on from Year 6: English Reading Comprehension within performing and Year 7 Keyboard Skills.

Student's will explore music from the 60's through to present.

Through listening and performing, we will compare how music has changed and identify how musical elements have evolved.

Film Music

Builds on from Year 6: English Reading Comprehension within performing and Year 7 Keyboard Skills

In this unit, students will explore Leitmotifs within film music and perform these in class. Student's will develop an understanding of the job roles within the film industry.

Ukulele 1

Builds on from Year 6: English Reading Comprehension within performing. Playing Musical Instruments, perform in solo and ensemble, Year 7 Musical Elements and World Music

Students will work as a class to learn the basic skills required to play the Ukulele such as hold, strings and simple chords. Student's will follow chord patterns and perform a piece as a class cohort.

Ukulele 2

Builds on from Year 7 Musical Elements, playing musical instruments, performing in an ensemble and Year 8 Ukulele 1, Riffs and Hooks and What Makes a good song'.

In this unit, students will further their ability to play Ukulele through learning more complex chords and following Ukulele tabs. Students will work in small groups to perform pop music (Ukulele and signing) and then compose their own Ukulele chord progression.

End of the Year