

**MODULES/UNITS IN YEAR 7****AUTUMN TERM**

Programme Music

The elements of music, basic performance and composition skills. Continuous baseline assessment.

African Music

Rhythm notation, rhythmic and melodic features of the genre. Performance focus.

SPRING TERM**Fanfare**

Music for special occasions, melodic shapes and patterns, instrumentation. Composition focus.

Blues

Origins and musical features of the style, basic harmony. Performance focus.

SUMMER TERM**Structure**

Common structural devices including binary, ternary and rondo forms. Composition focus

Pop Songs

Chord progressions and instrumental roles. Performance focus.

MODULES/UNITS IN YEAR 8**AUTUMN TERM****Pentatonic Music**

Pentatonic traditions including North American, Indonesian and Chinese. Multi-layered polyphonic and heterophonic composition and performance.

African Music

Rhythmic and melodic features including polyrhythm, cross-rhythm, syncopation and polyphony.

SPRING TERM**Blues**

Harmonic and melodic features to include dominant 7th chords, blue notes and improvisation. Cultural origins of the style.

Reggae

Cultural and social origins of the style. Musical conventions including riffs, basslines, syncopation and social comment.

SUMMER TERM**Film Music**

Musical conventions including: leitmotif, pastiche, synchronous and non-synchronous devices, drone and ostinato.

Performance

Instrumental roles and further developed performance skills to include stylistically specific techniques.

PROJECTS/SCHEME OF WORK/TOPICS**DURING**

Programme Music Year 7	AUTUMN TERM
African Music – Years 7 & 8	AUTUMN TERM
Pentatonic Music – Year 8	AUTUMN TERM
Fanfare – Year 7	SPRING TERM
Blues – Years 7 & 8	SPRING TERM
Reggae – Year 8	SPRING TERM
Structure – Year 7	SUMMER TERM
Pop Songs – Years 7 & 8	SUMMER TERM
Film Music – Year 8	SUMMER TERM

OTHER INFORMATION

IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSROOM CURRICULUM THE DEPARTMENT OFFERS A BROAD EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME IN WHICH WE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE ON A WIDE VARIETY OF INSTRUMENTS. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.