



Curriculum Map – Music KS4

Our Key Stage 4 Music curriculum, aligned with the Eduqas specification, is designed to develop both musical proficiency and wider personal growth. Students engage with the three core components of the course: **performing, composing, and appraising**, ensuring a balanced and rigorous musical education.

Through **performance**, learners refine technical control, stylistic awareness, and expressive communication, while also building confidence and resilience. **Composition** tasks nurture creativity and problem-solving, as students respond to briefs and explore their own musical ideas, developing originality alongside technical understanding. **Appraising** builds critical listening skills, deepens theoretical knowledge, and promotes cultural appreciation through the study of diverse genres including Western classical music, popular music, and music from different cultures and traditions.

The curriculum supports cognitive development by strengthening memory, attention, and analytical skills, while also encouraging emotional expression and creativity. Collaborative experiences in rehearsals, ensembles, and classroom tasks develop social skills such as cooperation, empathy, and communication. Discipline and perseverance are embedded through regular practice and the demands of coursework deadlines, fostering transferable life skills.

We also prioritise aesthetic awareness and cultural literacy, encouraging students to appreciate music as both an art form and a reflection of human experience. By recognising the stress-relieving and wellbeing benefits of music-making, the course provides a constructive outlet for personal expression, instilling a lifelong enjoyment of music that endures beyond the classroom.

Year Group	Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2	Spring Half Term 1	Spring Half Term 2	Summer Half Term 1	Summer Half Term 2
Key Stage 3						
10	Topic: AOS 4: Popular Music Roots Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies	Topic: AOS 2: Music for Ensemble Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies	Topic: AOS 1: Forms and Devices Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies	Topic: AOS 3: Film Music Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies	Topic: Exam Skills with a focus on AOS 4 and AOS 2 Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies	Topic: Exam Skills with a focus on AOS 4 and AOS 2 Composition Project: Free Comp Performance Studies
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