



AVANTI HOUSE

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2019-2020

Programmes of Study

Key Stage 3

Music

MUSIC

OVERVIEW OF COURSE

The Music curriculum at Key Stage 3 builds on the love of music that the students bring from Primary school and from their lives outside of school. There is a focus on developing both practical skills and theoretical understanding through a range of interesting and engaging topics. Students will learn to perform using a range of musical instruments and will develop their skills performing as an individual and as part of an ensemble.

Music is a subject which promotes creativity and significantly helps to developing both team work and communication skills. Music requires dedication and resilience and contributes to developing students who can persevere and think creatively to problem solve. We are therefore helping to develop students who are well prepared for success in their futures.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Rotation 1	Elements of Music Cartoon Music Samba	The Blues African Drumming	Fusion Music Ukulele
Rotation 2	Songs Instruments of the Orchestra	Film Music Soundscapes	Minimalism Rap & Hip Hop

SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / UNDERSTANDING

Students will be expected to develop the following knowledge, skills and understanding: Performing, Composing and Appraising (Listening)

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

We will use a range of assessments:

- Practical assessments of Composing and Performing
- Written assessments of listening and appraising skills
- Tracking of quality of classwork and homework

We will also use a range of different styles of feedback to students:

- WWW/EBI for each practical assessment with written comments to inform students of progress being made and how to develop further.
- Marking the student topic booklets for presentation and pride in their work.
- Non-written feedback which can take the form of verbal, peer and self-assessment.

HOW PARENTS / CARERS CAN HELP

Encourage your child to learn a musical instrument either inside or outside of school. Encouraging your child to attend an extra-curricular club can also help them to develop their musical knowledge and skills.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

GarageBand club – Monday lunchtimes
 String Ensemble – Tuesday lunchtimes
 Music theory club – Wednesday mornings before school
 School Production Rehearsals – Wednesday after school

RECOMMENDED READING / OTHER RESOURCES

www.musictheory.net – develop understanding of music theory
<https://www.philharmonia.co.uk/explore/instruments> - learn about the instruments of the orchestra
<https://www.good-ear.com> – ear training