

Year 8 KS3 Music Curriculum Overview



Year 8 Music Learning Outcomes

In Year 8 students will begin to develop the skills required for GCSE, this means units of study have been designed on the OCR GCSE Specification. This year has an emphasis on music from around the globe and students will learn about the musical heritage of a number of different cultures. Music literacy is developed further and skills are developed from Year 7.

Topics you will cover in Year 8:

African Music

Improvisation and focused study using stylistic techniques and conventions to create an authentic musical performance

Gamelan

Learning the traditions of Indonesian music through an exploration of texture & non Western tonalities and scales whilst developing ensemble performance skills

Blues and Jazz

Learning the traditions of blues and jazz through study of harmony, rhythm, instrumental sonority and lyrical expression

Reggae

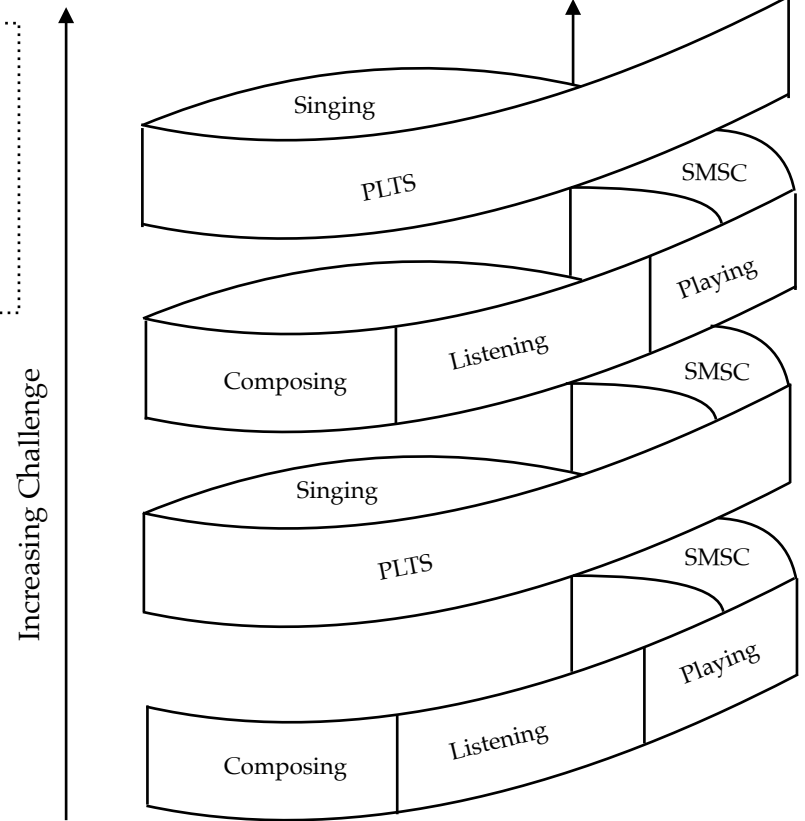
An exploration of political importance of popular music within a specific culture. Specifics covered include simple harmony, rhythmic devices and lyrical expression

Samba!

An explorations of the rhythms and improvisations of South American Samba!

Minimalism

Developing an understanding of compositional devices in a minimalist style. Pupils are encouraged to explore their acceptance and appreciation of contemporary music styles



Assessment in Music

- You have one lesson of Music a week
- You will study a new topic every 10 weeks
- You will be assessed individually every topic in the following skills:

Performing		Composing				Listening		
Performance Technique	Musicality in performance	Creative use of musical devices	Use of notations	Use of music technology	Improvisation	Aural perception	Musical criticism and appraisal	Factual and theoretical understanding