

Year 7 Music

Autumn Term The Language of Music

Reading rhythmic and pitched notation

Performing melodies using A minor scale on the ukulele by ear and from notation

Developing singing skills including songs from grade syllabi

Spring Term Music for Chinese New Year

Performing whole class, celebratory percussion music in multiple parts

Composing 3 part rhythmic compositions to accompany a Lion Dance

Exploring the Pentatonic scale through song, ukulele melody, improvisation and composition

Summer Term 1 The Orchestra and Descriptive Music Summer Term 2 Popular Song

Listening to and describing orchestral music composed to represent the sea

Composing a descriptive piece of music to the poem The Sea is a Hungry Dog by James Reeves

Singing and accompanying on ukulele
Learning to play common chords and rehearse strumming patterns



Year 8 Music

Autumn Term
African Drumming and Song
Keyboard Skills

Learn by ear cyclic rhythm patterns and perform in a group. Understand the cultural context of African drumming and song.

Learn to sing songs from different parts of the African continent in unison and in harmony

Use the A minor scale learn to perform melodies and chord sequences that layer on top of each other. Compose your own A minor melodies using correct keyboard finger technique.

Spring Term
The Planets and The Orchestra

Listen to and describe each movement of The Planets suite by Holst using musical vocabulary. Which musical elements and instruments does Holst combine to give each planet its distinctive character?

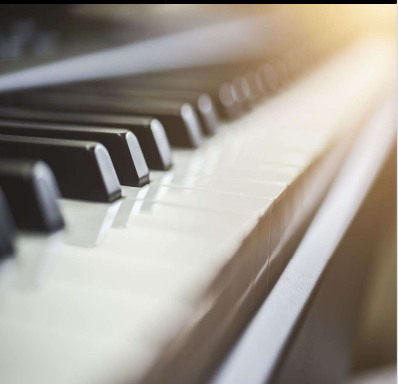
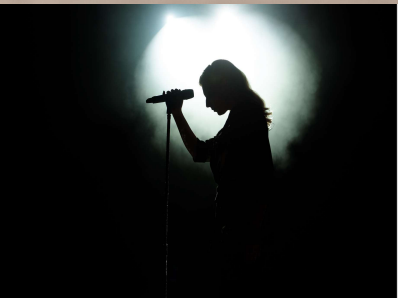
Perform a version of Mars by Holst as a class. Practice reading and performing rhythmic patterns in different time signatures and at different tempos. Sing a song related to the stars.

Compose your own music for one planet, to create a class Planets Suite

Summer Term
Digital Composition

Listen to the types of music used for fitness routines and PE warm ups. Which musical elements are used to create a dance track suitable for exercise?

Compose a short piece of music that can be used in PE lesson to accompany a warm up. Link each section of the music with a different movement



Year 9 Music

Autumn Term

Samba and Latin American Song
Performing, Composing and
Keyboard Skills

Learn by ear a Samba performance. Play a range of different percussion instruments learning to respond to the apito, improvise breaks and maintain your own part amongst many

Learn to sing different styles of songs in Spanish. Understand which musical elements create a certain mood and effect. Includes songs from graded syllabi

Using the A minor scale learn to perform melodies and chord sequences that layer on top of each other. Compose your own A minor melodies using correct keyboard finger technique.

Spring Term

Flight and Digital Composition

Listening to and describing music about birds, and flight. Which musical devices, instruments and textures create the sounds we associate with the images of flight?

Composing a digital composition to accompany Year 9 Art project on Flight

Summer Term

"Sisters Are doing it For
Themselves" Influential female
Singer Songwriters

Listen to, describe and perform the songs of Nina Simone, Annie Lennox, and Kate Bush. What was their message? What makes their songs memorable and unique?

Composing songs with a message for Presdales Rocks. Preparing a group or class performance