

**TOPICS**

**DURING**

**YEAR 7**

MUSICAL ELEMENTS	AUTUMN TERM 1
WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING	AUTUMN TERM 2
KEYBOARD SKILLS 1	SPRING TERM 1
KEYBOARD SKILLS 2	SPRING TERM 2
BAND INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS - AUDITIONS	SUMMER TERM 1
BAND INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS - GIG	SUMMER TERM 2

**YEAR 8**

SAMBA	AUTUMN TERM 1
JAZZ & BLUES	AUTUMN TERM 2
REGGAE	SPRING TERM 1
FILM MUSIC	SPRING TERM 2
SONGWRITING - 4-CHORD SONGS	SUMMER TERM 1
SONGWRITING - COVER VERSION	SUMMER TERM 2

**ASSESSMENT & HOMEWORK**

The majority of assessment in Key Stage 3 music is of a formative nature, where progress and targets are discussed with students on a regular basis. On at least a termly basis, students are awarded a level according to their current attainment level.

Students are broadly assessed in the following areas:

- Accuracy of pitch, rhythm and intonation and fluency in performance, as well as shaping their performances with dynamics, phrasing and articulation.
- Control of musical elements and development of ideas in composition work.
- Ability to discuss/write about music with increasingly sophisticated musical vocabulary, clarity and coherence and correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Theoretical and aural understanding of music.

Homework will usually require students to research or evaluate a topic. They may also be asked to listen to certain pieces of music.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Students can refer to SharePoint to access numerous department resources including links, worksheets, audio/video resources and homework tasks.

There are numerous opportunities available for budding musicians. Students are encouraged to enrich their musical experience by contributing to extra-curricular activities, including a samba band, orchestras, brass and woodwind ensembles, a swing band and two choirs. There is also the opportunity to put themselves forward for *PERFORM* which is a celebration of the arts at Samuel Ward Academy.

**Music Software Used:**

- Sibelius 7
- Garageband

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