

Music

Key Stage 3 Year 8 2018 - 2019

In Year 8 pupils are introduced to lots of exciting topics which will all incorporate the skills of Listening, Performing and Composing. Pupils previous musical ability and lessons will be recorded so pupil tasks can be differentiated accordingly. Through the units covered in this year all pupils will be able to develop performance skills on keyboards, ukulele African Drumming and Drum kit. They will learn to compose and record their work using Garageband software on apple mac computers. Pupils will also learn how to appraise different styles of music and widen their musical vocabulary.

Extra curricular activities are run throughout the school year including: choir, orchestra, string quartet, ukulele group, DJ club, rock band, brass group and in 2019 we will be running a music tour.

Half Term	Course Content	Assessment information
1	African Drumming Pupils will learn about the context of African drumming culture and how to follow a master drummer in call and response, solo and polyrhythm patterns.	African Drumming composition Listening Test
2	Blues Pupils will learn about the history of the Blues and the context behind the music. They will learn to play the 12 bar blues (including 7 th chords) and improvise using the blues scale.	Improvisation (composition) Listening Test Performance of 12 Bar Blues chords.
3	Hip Hop Pupils will learn about the history of hip-hop and the context behind the message of 1980's rap. They will compose a backing track and write a relevant rap on a political or moral message of their choice.	Rap composition Listening test
4	Ukulele Pupils will each have a ukulele and learn how to tune it. They will learn simple chord patterns from popular songs. Differentiated pieces will be available.	Ukulele performance
5	Romanticism Pupils will learn about the music from 1800-1910. They will look at key features and the expansion of the orchestra. They will perform Moonlight Sonata and compose a piece of programmatic music based on a poem or picture in garageband.	Romantic Listening Test Romantic composition Moonlight Sonata performance
6	End of Year Exam Revision classes Drum Kit Pupils will be introduced to the Jam Hubs and the drum kit. They will play a rhythm using 3 parts of the kit.	End of Year Exam Drum Kit performance

Further reading and independent/extension activities	
➤	Garageband software composition/recording
➤	BBC Howard Goodall's Story of Music (dvd and youtube)
➤	Will Grove White 'Learn to Play the Ukulele' (website)
➤	Kingston Music Service music lessons
➤	ABRSM Musictheory books/grades 1-5
Websites and resource links	
➤	Music theory support: http://www.musictheory.net/
➤	Writing music notation: https://www.noteflight.com/login
	Sheet music: http://www.musicnotes.com/
	Online Platform: https://coombeboys.musicfirst.co.uk (ask Miss Lucas for a log in)
How can parents/carers support at home	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Above all else, the Music department values the support and cooperation of parents in ensuring pupils attend school on time and ready to learn, complete classwork and homework to the highest possible standard and in meeting the standards required in the school behaviour policy. ● We would love you to support your son by encouraging him to participate in as much music making as possible. This could be through practicing pieces at home, describing music on the radio using the 7 elements, going to see a concert or being involved in extracurricular music activities. There are practice rooms available at school and online keyboard websites. Keyboards and ukuleles can also be purchased quite cheaply. ● Pupils can also learn an instrument with Kingston Music Service at school or at the Music Centre. Information will be sent out via email in the first few weeks of every year and is available on the school website - musicservice@kingston.gov.uk
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