



	Fertile Question	Focus	Enrichment
Year 7	What is meant by the terms 'Beats' and Tunes	In the Autumn term, students look at the building blocks of music; Rhythm and Pitch. They will engage in group and individual activities and produce performances which show off their composition, performance and understanding skills.	African drumming club
	What makes a good performance and how do I make one?	After the winter holidays, students will take an in depth look at performance, what makes a good or bad one and how to create their own. They will learn a small selection of contemporary music to and perform to their class.	Watching concerts in spare time
	How did the Church influence secular music in medieval times?	This topic looks at medieval music In England and Europe and pays specific attention to sacred and secular music with specific emphasis on modal drones. Students will learn a secular piece and compose in the style of Gregorian chant.	Choir
	What role does music play in different world cultures and how is it constructed?	To end Year students will dive into a world of sound and ritual and study music from distinct cultures around the world, namely Gamelan from Java and Bali and Ground Bass from Europe. Students will have the opportunity to see how music fits in with culture and ideology via case studies of world music.	African drumming club
Year 8	What was the musical outcome of the African diaspora in the New World?	Year will start the year by looking at the development of African music in the New World - First stop - the southern states of the USA and Blues music. Students will perform and compose as well as learning about the rich cultural history of the movement.	African drumming club
	How does music contribute to the cinematic arts?	Music in film is a very popular subject in A-level and university studies. It is also one of the most lucrative forms of earning in music industry today. Students study tried and tested methods of emphasising meaning in film through music and changing the ways in which images are perceived.	
	How is pop music written?	Pop music and its methods and norms bring joy to us, especially in young people. Some song writing methods are tried and tested. Here we look at a few of the most common types of composition and students will create their own.	Music tech drop in

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Year 8	<i>What role does music play in different world cultures and how is it constructed?</i>	Music is entrenched with cultural preconceptions and cognitive associations. Around the world, certain notes and rhythms are associated with particular feelings and meanings. Here we take a look at some of the more surprising associations.	African drumming club
	<i>How has circumstance and technology influenced western music?</i>	New technological advancements and changes in social structure have led to significant changes in the purpose of compositions and the sonic qualities of instruments, leading to changes in performance technique, such as the invention of the piano. Here we look at Beethoven, one of the great masters of the piano.	Keyboard club
Year 9	<i>What was the musical outcome of the African diaspora in the New World?</i>	Year 9 will start the year by looking at African music in medieval Africa, music of the Mandé empire. Students will perform and compose as well as learning about the rich cultural history of the West African region.	African drumming club Jazz band
	<i>How has music contributed to civil struggles?</i>	Protest music was a driving force for change during the second half of the 20th century. Learners will study the music from key movements and look at prominent leaders.	Guitar club
	<i>How does music influence the portrayal of lead characters in musicals?</i>	Music affects how characters are perceived on stage. Students will study how notes and rhythms are used to influence and emphasize feelings and characterisations.	Take part in the school production
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	<i>Which different music technology techniques are employed in the creation of electronic dance music</i>	Electronic dance music is one of the most popular genres in the world today. It utilises technology in its construction and how it is sold. Students will compose a piece of dance music using computers and look at key figures and movements of the genre.	Music tech drop in

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