

Subject: Year 7 Music Carousel

Carousel Rotation

To ensure our curriculum provides a broad range of experiences and learning opportunities, students will study a range of subjects on a carousel. These subjects will last one term and all students will have the opportunity to experience these subjects over the course of an academic year.

Prior knowledge:

Music forms part of the national curriculum in Key Stages 1-3, however, there can be a lack of consistency in Music education in the Primary key stages. Most students have some exposure to playing the keyboard and/or ukulele, both of which are further explored in Year 7.

Term 1 knowledge:

The Year 7 Music scheme of work is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of music and build their enjoyment, engagement and confidence within the subject. The carousel is a 6-week block and therefore students will focus on the foundation knowledge in Music and can develop their own practical skills and understanding of Music. They will explore some of the key skills and techniques needed within Music and will learn about, perform and compose music. Students will also be introduced to Music from other cultures and, using the skills learnt earlier in the carousel, will identify the musical features in context with its historical and cultural setting.

Future knowledge:

The topics taught in Year 7 are the “building blocks” of Music. Having this knowledge embedded, helps students to appreciate and build their musical skills which will be developed in Year 8. Their knowledge of music technology will have grown, as well as their instrumental abilities. Through regular performance opportunities as both soloists and in ensembles, students’ confidence levels will have also increased giving them the skills required to apply themselves to the topics taught in Year 8.