

Yearly Overview

Subject: Year 8 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:

Students will have been introduced to basic notation and the elements of music in Year 7. Dynamics, tempo, pitch, instrumentation, and rhythm were explored through composition, performance and appraisal of existing repertoire. They will have gained some confidence in performing a variety of musical styles (Blues, Samba and Programme Music) and will understand the components that make up an effective musical performance.

Knowledge

The year 8 Music scheme of work is designed to reacquaint and develop student knowledge into 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 furthering their foundational knowledge in music (from year 7) and can develop their own practical skills and understanding. They will develop some of the key skills and techniques needed within music and learn, perform, listen and compose music. Students will also be introduced to music from other genres and, using the skills learnt earlier in the carousel, will identify the musical features in context with its historical and cultural setting.

Future knowledge:

Year 8 topics are taught and explored to help students progress in Year 9. They will have solidified their understanding of music's elements, preparing them for more difficult performance and composition tasks. They will have advanced their musical technology skills, with a solid understanding of how DAWs work and how to apply effects and mix tracks musically.