

Overview

In Year 8 students focus on building on what they have learnt in Year 7. They study a range of topics including World Music and Jazz and Blues where they look at issues such as slavery and racism. The importance of Music and Media is also explored which gives students the opportunity to use the Media Suite and iPads in order to develop their ICT skills within the context of Music. The new skills learnt in Year 8 enable students to go on and work in a much broader way in Year 9.

Knowledge & Skills

Theme

Variations

Context

Learning the Musical skills to create Musical variations.

Skills

Responding using a range of Musical vocabulary

Composing using a range of Musical elements and devices

Performing as part of a Musical Ensemble

Theme

Music and Media

Context

Developing an understanding of the importance of Music in Media.

Skills

Composing for different forms of Media

Developing use of Music and Media technology

Understand the apparent relationship between Music and Media

Theme

Jazz and Blues

Context

Learning about the history and features of Jazz and Blues.

Skills

Improvisation

Understanding and playing chords

Recognising the features of Jazz and Blues

Theme

World Music

Context

Learning about the different styles and features of Music from around the world.

Skills

Recognising musical styles and features of Music from around the world

Recognising world instruments

Working as a musical ensemble

Performing Music from around the world

Theme

Accompaniment

Context

Learning about the features of musical accompaniment.

Skills

Recognising musical devices
Using a range of musical devices in musical compositions
Performing with confidence

Theme

Programme Music

Context

Understanding what programme music is.

Skills

Composing in the style of programme music
Recognising the features of programme music
Performing programme music

Assessment

Work is continually assessed in Music. Informal verbal feedback is given in every lesson and student's listen to and discuss each other's work, giving positive comments and advice on how work can develop. More formal verbal feedback is given each scheme of learning. Formal teacher assessment is carried out at the end of each term and written feedback is given, including a level. Students set their own targets for improvement at this time.

Enrichment & Reward

Singing Club takes place weekly and the annual school production rehearsals are September to December, where we perform in front of eight hundred primary school children and five hundred members of the general public. Trips are organised to appropriate shows and productions to enrich the student's experience of Music education. There is an annual Prestwich Has Talent show, providing inspiration for all students to perform and gain experience and confidence. We have worked with outside professional performers on projects with students both in school and off site. The performing arts rooms are available to use every lunch time (except Friday) for any student wishing to enrich their Music experience.