



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 7

Subject: Music

The Music department provides all students with the opportunity to learn to sing, play an instrument and develop a love for music through practical music making activities around the skills of performing, composing and appraising.

All students study music for one period a week in years 7, 8 & 9. In addition to curriculum music the department offers a variety of musical opportunities for those with high ambitions and for those who wish to take part for their own personal development and pleasure.

The department works with Walsall Music Education Service to offer individual or small group tuition on instruments such as: clarinet, drum kit, flute, guitar, trombone, trumpet, violin and voice. A variety of extra-curricular activities also take place throughout the year and students perform both inside and outside of school on a weekly basis.

Music at Key Stage 3

Music lessons in years 7, 8 & 9 are all related to the National Curriculum for Music programmes of study; published in 2014. Students complete a variety of units of work made up of practical tasks related to singing, the keyboard, the ukulele, music technology and a variety of percussion instruments.

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-music-programmes-of-study>

Year 7 Music Curriculum Overview

Term	Title of unit/ Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support the learning of their child?
Autumn Term	Elements of Music	<p>Students listen to music featuring the instruments of the orchestra.</p> <p>Keyboard and vocal skills Keyboard melody This Little Light of Mine</p> <p>Composing a musical ringtone using ICT</p>	<p>Ensure the completion of Home Learning set via the Satchel One site.</p> <p>Talk to their child about their progress in music and encourage them to sing, practise on a musical instrument or attend extra-curricular activities to develop their work in class.</p>
Spring Term	Chords in Song	<p>Students listen to songs from a variety of folk and pop traditions</p> <p>Ukulele performance Stay With Me learning chords and strumming patterns Keyboard performance: Oh When the Saints learning melody and chords</p> <p>Composing chords to accompany a given melody</p>	
Summer Term	Programme Music	<p>Students listen to orchestral and popular music featuring an ostinato</p> <p>Creating an arrangement of Mars from Holst's The Planets Suite</p> <p>Composing a piece to represent Earth</p>	