



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 8

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 8 Music Curriculum Overview

Term	Title of unit/ Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support the learning of their child?
Autumn Term	Computer Game Themes	<p>Students listen to a selection of computer game themes from a variety of genres and traditions.</p> <p>Keyboard performance of a selection of computer game themes</p> <p>Composing a melody to represent a chosen computer game character 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	Popular Music	<p>Students listen to a variety of pieces from folk, pop and dance music genres</p> <p>Ukulele performance of debut grade pieces learning chord and lead parts</p> <p>Composing a chorus or hook for a pop piece using ICT</p>	
Summer Term	Music for Animation	<p>Students listen to a variety of orchestral and world music used in animated films</p> <p>Keyboard or ukulele performance of a selection of themes from animated films</p> <p>Composing musical ideas to go with the Box Clever animated film clip using ICT</p>	