

Curriculum Overview – 10 Music

Unit Title	Learning	How can parents best support?
Western Classical Music 1650 – 1910	AoS 1 Western Classical music 1650 - 1910	Encourage your child to look at
	Students will study the Baroque period through the	
	listening and discussion of Baroque structures, melody	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbwfqp3
	patterns and ornaments.	
	Choral music from the renascence through to the	
	romantic period will be studied with a particular focus on	
	Handel and ho the baroque period transformed into the	
	Classical period including; how the orchestra expanded,	
	classical structures and the orchestral music of Haydn.	
	Finally students will study the Romantic period with a	
	particular focus on the piano Music of Schumann and	
	Chopin.	
Traditional Music – From Blues to	AoS 3 Traditional Music	Encourage your child to look at
English Folk	During the second half-term students will study	
	Traditional Music from Area of Study 3. In this unit	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z42bxyc
	students will study The Blues, Jazz, African Music,	
	Caribbean Music, Fusion music, Salsa, Samba,	
	Contemporary Latin American Music, Celtic Music and	
	Contemporary Folk music, finishing with a study of the	
	Traditional Music Study piece Paul Simon's Graceland.	
	Students will study the musical conventions of all of	
	these divers genres of music looking into Tonality,	
	instrumentation, ornamentation, structures, chords, use	
	of scales and rhythmic features.	



Western Classical Music Since 1910	AoS 4 Western Classical 1910	Encourage your child to look at
	Throughout Half-term 3 students will study the	
	orchestral music of Aaron Copland and Serialism before	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkxrt39
	moving on to British Music.	
	When studying British music students will look at the	
	works of Arnold, Britten, Maxwell Davies and Tavener.	
	They will then move on to the orchestral music of Bartok	
	and begin looking at the Minimalist composers Riley,	
	Reich and Adams.	
	The final aspect of this unit of work will focus on the	
	Study piece for Western Classical Tradition since 1910;	
	Zoltan Kadaly's Harry Janos	
Popular Music	AoS 2 Popular Music	Encourage your child to look at
	During Half-Term 4 students will study Popular Music	
	including; Rock n' Roll, Rock Music, Pop Music from	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqv2sg
	1990s to the present day, musicals, film music and game	
	music. Students will specifically look at how voices and	
	instrumentation is used in the performance and	
	composition of popular music and how the	
	developments in certain types of instrumentation	
	developed certain genres from the 1960s onwards.	
	This unit of work will finish with the study of The Little	
	Shop of Horrors which features as the study piece for	
	Area of Study 2 Popular Music.	



Study Pieces	In this unit of work students will focus on the four study	Encourage your child to look at
	pieces chosen by AQA.	
	Each study piece is taken from one of the three areas of	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/music/AQA-8271-
	study.	TEACHER-GUIDE AOS4.PDF
	AoS 1 Mozart Clarinet Concerto	
	AoS 2 Little Shop of Horrors	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/music/AQA-8271-
	AoS 3 Graceland	TEACHER-GUIDE AOS1.PDF
	AoS 4 Hary Janos	
	The students will study structures, tonality,	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/music/AQA-8271-
	instrumentation, musical devices, historical context and	TEACHER-GUIDE AOS2.PDF
	the inspiration behind these pieces in preparation for	
	section B of their listening exam.	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/music/AQA-8271-
		TEACHER-GUIDE AOS3.PDF
Composition	Throughout Half-term 6 students will study how music is	Encourage your child to look at
	composed.	
	This is through the use of diatonic chord scales, major minor, pentatonic and harmonic minor scales, structures,	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv8nwty
	instrumentation, time-signatures, rhythms and genres.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjpkscw
	This will enable students to competently create their	
	own compositions in preparation for submission.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7sdy9q