

Whitworth Community High School
Music Department

Teacher in Charge/Faculty Leader:
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Year 8 Learning Overview

Organisation of the classes:
Music is taught in sets which are linked with Art, Technology, ICT and PE. The students have one lesson per week.

Key Concepts
The 3 main areas of music: performing, composing and listening and appraising, are further explored through the study of a variety of musical styles and genres.

What skills do I use in this subject?

- Listening
- Group work and cooperation
- Independent learning
- Instrumental and vocal skills

What will you be learning?

- Blues music
- Ragtime and rock 'n' roll
- Composition through music technology
- Orchestral music
- Film music and composition
- Pop music

How will you be learning?

- Through whole class, small group and individual performances
- Applying theoretical knowledge to practical music making
- Use of ICT and music technology to compose music
- Listening and appraising through a variety of musical styles and genres

How will your learning be assessed?
Regular assessments take place throughout the year. Students are assessed by their teacher on their skills in performing, composing and listening and appraising. Students are also involved in the assessment process through regular peer and self-assessment tasks.

Home Learning
Home learning booklets will be set during the year. Other smaller homework tasks may also be set.

Equipment needed?
Normal school equipment.

How can your parents support your learning?
Ensure students who play instruments or who have access to a piano or keyboard have the opportunity to practice regularly and perform at home. Listen to and comment on different types of music and apply their knowledge of instruments and the elements of music.

SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations
Exploring emotions through music, exploring creativity and composition.
Encourage respect for others and for a variety of musical styles and tastes.
Encourage collaboration and group working skills.
Respect the musical heritage of different cultures and traditions.

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?
All students have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument.
Extra-curricular groups are open to all students at lunchtimes and after school and the practice room facilities are open to all students.