

Music @ WBS Year 7 Roadmap

Subject Aim: In year 7 you will begin to learn the key skills required for success across your school experience. These include but are not limited to: independent learning, collaborative learning, resilience, problem solving and time management.

Autumn Term	Topic 1 – Foundations of Music
	In this topic you will learn the basics of reading Western notation rhythms and treble clef. These will be explored through a variety of practical keyboard and drumming sessions culminating in a written test.
	Topic 2 –Keyboard Skills
	In this topic you will develop your knowledge of Western Notation from topic 1. You will learn a piece of music on the keyboard which will be performed to the class in your assessment. The focus of the performance will be on accuracy and fluency.
Spring Term	Topic 3 – Timbre & Ensembles
	In this topic you will learn all about the instruments of the orchestra. You will then learn how to play an orchestral instrument, learning the basic techniques and applying your knowledge of reading music from previous topics. You will then perform, as a class, an orchestral piece of music which will then be performed at a competition in front of the other form groups in the year.
Summer Term	Topic 5 – Musical Theatre
	In this topic you will develop your vocal skills by engaging in a Musical Theatre topic. You will learn and choreograph a song from a musical as a whole form before learning a different song in smaller groups. There are opportunities for solo singing available too. This culminates in a performance in the Theatre to provide a realistic setting for performance.

Assessment

Some assessments will be performance based, such as Harmony. Some will be composition based, such as Songwriting and some will be skills based such as the Ground Bass assessment.

How to prepare for each assessment will be shared with plenty of notice.

Key Assessment 1a	Foundations of Music theory test: October
Key Assessment 1b	Keyboard skills performance: December
Key Assessment 2	Orchestral instrument performance: March
Key Assessment 3	Musical Theatre group performance: May

Homework and Revision

Homework is set by your class teacher on Arbor, this will be done on an ad hoc basis depending on the needs of the curriculum.

Sometimes you can also expect revision/preparation homework and reflection of practical pieces.

Enrichment

There is a wealth of extra-curricular activities available to year 7:

- KS3 Orchestra
- Jazz Band (grade 3+)
- Rockschoo
- String Orchestra (grade 3+)
- Training Strings (beginner-grade 2)
- Year 7 Choir
- Choir
- KS3 Musical (November-March)
- Symphony Orchestra (see Mrs Seymour)
- Brass Ensemble

Where Next?

In year 8 you will continue to develop your listening, performance and composition skills in Music. You will study; Harmony; Ground Bass; Advanced Pitch; Advanced Texture and Timbre; Songwriting and Advanced Rhythm.