

Music @ WBS Year 8 Roadmap

Subject Aim: In year 8 you will continue to develop your key musical skills as well as the transferrable 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.

TTP	Topic 1 – Harmony
	You will learn how to play basic chords, developing your understanding of harmony, on the ukulele. You will also develop your singing skills through group ukulele and singing performances of a popular song.
Autumn Term	Topic 2 – Advanced Pitch
	In this topic you will develop your understanding of Western Notation from year 7. You will recap the treble and bass clef before learning about key signatures, different time signatures and accidentals through completing a keyboard performance task.
	Topic 3 – Songwriting
Spring Term	You will learn about the history and origins of Blues Music. You will learn the key concepts and musical features of Blues including the 12 bar-blues chord progression a walking bassline and improvisation. You will then apply this to a group Blues composition which you will perform to the class.
	Topic 4 – Advanced Texture and Timbre
	You will develop your knowledge of orchestral instruments from year 7. You will learn to select instruments that sound good together and develop your understanding of chamber music. This will be completed through learning the basics of Sibelius notation software and creating an arrangement of a popular song for three orchestral instruments.
Summer Term	Topic 5 – Ground Bass
	You will learn about the history and origins of Hip-Hop music. You will develop your use of Cubase by inputting a ground bass, drums, chords and a melody based upon original lyrics.

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	Ukulele and Vocal performance: July
Key Assessment 1b	Advanced Pitch Performance: October
Key Assessment 2	Songwriting Composition: January
Key Assessment 3a	Advanced Texture and Timbre Listening Test: March
Key Assessment 3b	Ground Bass Composition and Listening: June

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 8:

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

Where Next?

In year 9 you will continue to develop your listening, performance and composition skills in Music. You will study: Advanced Songwriting; Careers in Music; Composing to a Brief; Musical Futures.