

Music @ WBS Year 9 Roadmap

Subject Aim: In year 9 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 – The Music Industry
	In this topic you will learn about and explore through practical tasks about a variety of different careers within the Music Industry. This includes; foley artist; DJ; Music Critique; Sound Engineer and Promotor.
Autumn Term	Topic 2– Advanced Songwriting
	You will learn how to play a typical four-chord pop song on the keyboard before learning about how to write a good melody. You will then transfer this knowledge into group compositions showcasing a range of instrumental and vocal resources which you will then perform.
Spring Term	Topic 3 – Composing to a Brief
	You will develop your knowledge of orchestral instruments from year 7 and 8. You will utilise new musical devices for an orchestral film music composition. You will compose music to a clip from The Woman in Black utilising music technology.
Summer Term	Topic 4 –Musical Futures
	In this topic you will combine and showcase all of the skills and knowledge you have developed throughout KS3 music. You will form bands, choose a song and utilise a variety of instrumental and vocal resources to perform. The performance will take place in the Theatre as a 'Battle of the Bands' competition.

Assessment	
Some assessments will be performance based, such as Musical Futures. Some will be composition based, such as Advanced Songwriting and some will be skills based such as the Careers in Music assessment. How to prepare for each assessment will be shared with plenty of notice.	
Key Assessment 1	Careers in Music skills: July
Key Assessment 2a	Advanced Songwriting composition: November
Key Assessment 2b	Film Music composition: February
Key Assessment 3b	Musical Futures assessment: 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 9: • KS3 Orchestra • Jazz Band (grade 3+) • Rockschoool • String Orchestra (grade 3+) • Training Strings (beginner-grade 2) • Choir • KS3 Musical (November-March) • Symphony Orchestra (see Mrs Seymour) • Brass Ensemble	

Where Next?
In year 10 music is an options subject. You will continue to develop your listening (40%), performance (30%) and composition (30%) skills through a wide range of styles and genres. You will focus more on your own instrument/voice as well as composing your own music.