

Music Curriculum Maps 2020-2021

Key Stage 3 (Taught on a 1 term carousel for KS3)

Due to the restrictions imposed by the DfE guidance in response to ensuring safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, the practical elements of music lessons are currently unable to take place safely. Therefore, we have taken the opportunity to embed a spiral curriculum for one year in which all KS3 lessons focus on the music theory that underpins all future music learning by teaching music theory explicitly rather than discreetly within a topic on a musical genre as we would under normal circumstances. In this model, all students at KS3 are taught the same topics but the depth of knowledge is differentiated heavily by taking a 'stage not age' approach to allow all students to be challenged regardless of their previous musical experience. The more challenging subject knowledge content that becomes the focus of challenge within each unit is marked below with an asterisk below (*).

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	Introduction to Rhythmic Notation	Introduction to Pitch Notation
	 Note and rest values within a pulse (including sight reading) 	 Understanding of pitch (science vs music)
	 Dotted note and rest values 	■ The musical stave
	 Simple Time signatures 	 Notes of the treble clef
7	Bar lines	 Notes of the bass clef
	■ Black History: Black Classical Music	Musical Scholarship
	■ Triplet formation*	■ Ledger Lines*
	 Compound Time Signatures* 	Accidentals*
	■ Tied Rhythms*	Notes of the alto clef*
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	 Dotted note and rest values 	The musical stave
	Simple Time signatures	 Notes of the treble clef
8	Bar lines	 Notes of the bass clef
	■ Black History: Black Classical Music	Musical Scholarship
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