Student year: Lower 4 (Yr 8)

Head of Department: Miss A Blackwell

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Pupils will experience the key components of the subject: performing, composing, listening and appraising. They will look at how music is constructed as well as learning about music from other eras and cultures.

Subject / Topic

AUTUMN TERM

Jazz improvisation

- Blues chords and bass lines
- Swing rhythms
- Seventh chords

Variations

- In tonality
- In ground bass
- In popular song
- Class Concert

SPRING TERM

Indian music

- Musical instruments
- Raga, tala
- Drone

Offbeat

- Reggae
- Hooks, riffs
- Bass lines and texture

SUMMER TERM

Building blocks

- Key elements of music
- Listening
- Appraising

Music and space

- Holst 'The Planets'
- Dynamics
- Programme music
- Class concert

• Adding bass lines and chords to melodies.

Skills / Attitudes

- More advanced harmonic writing.
- Working with others towards performances and appraising progress.
- Understanding the role of music in different societies.