



Welcome

In Music, you will study a wide range of musical genres through the three main activities of performing, composing and listening. You will study a variety of classical, world, rock, urban and pop music. Throughout Years 7-9 you will learn how to use melody, chords and rhythm to create music in different styles including using classical structures, pop and rock, song writing and improvising.

Keyboards are used regularly in lessons to support musical learning and composition. Singing is an important part of regular lessons and you will also use a range of percussion, as well as learning to play the ukulele, guitar and even explore DJ technology!

If you already play an instrument you are more than welcome to use that instrument in classroom music lessons. If you would like to start to learn an instrument, we have specialist teachers who deliver individual lessons on all instruments. You can also join a range of music clubs and have many opportunities to perform in concerts and performances

What will I study?

In Year 7 the lessons are focused on either performance or composition practical work, these include:-

Term 1 – ‘Stomp and the Elements of Music’ - You will explore music through the musical ‘Stomp’, creating and performing music out of everyday objects, using a range of different starting points including Ed Sheeran and The London Underground.

Term 2 – ‘Instrument Skills’ – In this project you will perform a range of riffs on Ukulele using TAB notation and perform songs on the Ukulele and Guitar as a whole class band.

Term 3 and 4 – ‘Ode To Joy’ Here you will be exploring form and structure in music, the instruments of the orchestra and classical music, performing a range of orchestral pieces on the keyboard and composing melodies using music technology.

Term 5 – ‘Band Skills’- This term you will develop your skills as a class band performing ‘Rip Tide’ on band instruments.

Term 6 – ‘Eye of the Tiger’ – In this final topic you will develop your instrumental skills and explore rock music from the 1980s. You will learn to play ‘Eye of the Tiger’ as part of a band and have the opportunity to perform some of the music studied this year in our school music festival ‘King’s Fest’ in the Year 7 Battle of the Bands competition.

Will I need any special equipment?

No special equipment is required however you will have the opportunity to play your own instrument in school if you have one.

Activity for you to try

Ask some people in your family to talk about a piece of music they enjoyed listening to when they were your age. Have a listen to that piece of music with them. Write down the piece of music you enjoyed listening to the most and why you liked it.

- How is it similar/different to your favourite piece of music?
Be prepared to share these pieces to the class in your first music lesson.
- If you are a singer or can already play an instrument you may wish to learn the piece of music and create a video or perform it in music club when you start at The King’s School.

