

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 7 Music		
Term	Units of Study/Scheme of work	Key homework and assessments
Autumn	<p>Playing in an Ensemble</p> <p>Students will learn how music is a social activity through listening to and working in groups of different sizes.</p> <p>This module includes learning music from notation, beginning to improvise and learning by ear.</p>	<p>At the start of term all students will be encouraged to perform something that they have brought with them from primary school or elsewhere.</p> <p>Year 7 concert at the end of term All year 7 will sing and perform in their class bands at this concert.</p>
Spring	<p>Minimalism</p> <p>Students study how to compose through listening to music built using short repeated patterns. This leads onto playing and composing their own ostinatos to perform in groups.</p> <p>This module introduces and strengthens rhythmic notation.</p> <p>Programme Music</p> <p>Students study how music can be representative without using words; how it can convey emotion or tell a story.</p> <p>They build upon their ostinato work by adding chords, melodies and rhythms to compose a piece that represents an animal.</p>	<p>Group performances of own minimalist pieces</p> <p>Group performance of own Animal pieces</p>
Summer	<p>Keyboard skills (performance)</p> <p>Students learn and develop their keyboards skills; ranging from beginners to experienced pianists developing their sight-reading and composition skills.</p> <p>This module introduces and strengthens pitch notation.</p> <p>Keyboard skills (composing)</p> <p>Students study a range of options to compose a melody to a given rhythm and then to compose their own.</p> <p>More advanced students will add chords and accompaniment patterns to their work and may arrange their work for a larger group to perform on other instruments.</p>	<p>Continuous assessment of developing keyboard skills.</p> <p>Individual/pair composition work at keyboards</p>

Recommended resources/text book	N/A
How can we help at home?	<p>Encourage your child to practise if they sing or play an instrument.</p> <p>If you have a keyboard or another instrument at home, then encourage your child to play on it – even if they are just experimenting.</p> <p>Never tell your child they cannot sing. It is not true!</p> <p>Take advantage of the radio, television and internet and talk to your child about the music that you and they listen to.</p> <p>The South Bank, King’s Place, the Barbican, the Roundhouse, Cecil Sharp House and other venues are all close to Camden and offer a wealth of free concerts and events in all styles. Take your child to listen to some live music.</p>