

Curriculum Information Year 7

- Each year is broken into 6 units divided between the Band Project and Technology/Composition except in year 7 when the first term is focused on the Year 7 Concert
- Each unit is divided into skills and knowledge.
- Each unit has a particular focus on one or more of the musical elements.

Unit title	Skills	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn 1: Year 7 Concert (<i>Rhythm, Melody and Texture</i>)	Singing in unison and 2 and 3 parts Playing in an ensemble Listening and balance Finding your place in a texture A sense of shared pulse	Time signatures Bars Crotchets, quavers, semiquavers Rests Unison and polyrhythmic Syncopation and on the beat	Each unit is assessed with a final performance (Band Project) or composition (Technology) These are recorded and shared with students and home. Knowledge is assessed every lesson through outcomes and mini whiteboard work to check for understanding
Autumn 2: Djembe (<i>Rhythm and Texture</i>)	Bass, tone, slap Playing in an ensemble Listening and balance Improvisation A sense of shared pulse Rhythmic dictation	Signal Call and response Unison and polyrhythmic African instruments Griots Syncopation and on the beat	
Spring 1: Introduction to the Band Project (<i>Harmony</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Listening and balance Fills Drum tab and chord charts	Triads and chords Degrees of the scale Tonic and dominant 4 chord trick	
Spring 2: Time Lapse (<i>Technology and Sonority</i>)	Notes on the keyboard Piano roll Sequencing	Instruments of the orchestra Treble clef notation Introduction to Logic Playing the keyboard	
Summer 1: Everyday People (<i>Sonority and Melody</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Drum tab and Chord charts Treble clef notation	Treble clef notation Chord inversions Riffs	
Summer 2: Rolling in the Deep (<i>Harmony and Structure</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Power chords Push rhythm	Tones and semitones Major and minor triads Scales and degrees of scales Recap treble clef and rhythmic dictation	