

MUSIC KS3

Curriculum Purpose

Students arrive at Christ the King in Year 7 from a wide range of feeder schools, with an equally wide background of experiences in music. Our aim in Year 7 is to provide a solid foundation of key knowledge and skills in performing and listening which will be built on in future years.

Course Content and Skill Development

Autumn Term

- Keyboard skills
- Medieval music

Spring Term

- Musicianship skills 1
- Sea shanties

Summer Term

- Blues and beyond
- Musicianship skills 2

Home Learning Expectations

As the principal aim of KS3 music is to develop practical skills and the majority of students do not have access to instruments at home, that is covered in lesson time. Home learning consists of extension work based on each topic for each half term, which is shared via Google Classroom.



When and How Assessment of Learning will Happen

The progress of students is monitored each lesson with verbal feedback on how to improve or help with any difficulties. More formal assessment is done at the end of each term, where the students receive an ARE grade (exceeding/secure/developing) on the work they have done in that term. The criteria to achieve the ARE grades are shared and referenced in each topic, so that students are clear about why they got a certain grade. Students then do a selfassessment form where they reflect on what was done over the term and what they could do to improve next time, there is also the opportunity for student voice and suggestions to improve the topics.



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