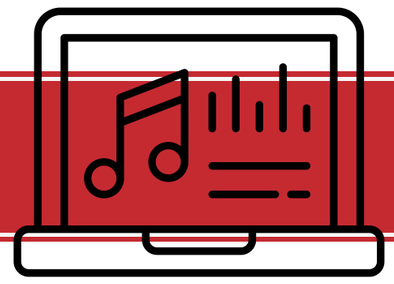
# Music Key Stage 3 Learning Journey

## Year 9

### Producing
- Recording and producing own songs
- Understanding mixing
- Using a DAW to record live music



### Make a Band 3
- Improved skills learning new skills
- Adding complexity
- Using amplification



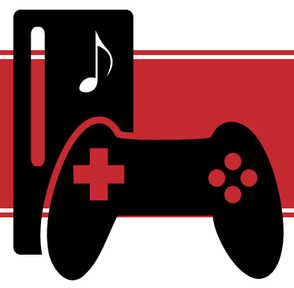
### Songwriting
- Composing songs
- Understanding chord relationships
- Choosing suitable accompanient for style



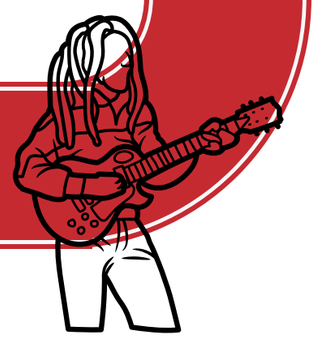
### Blues
- Understanding 12 bar blues sequence
- Listening to and appraising songs that use blues
- Performing 12 bar blues sequence, vamp, walking bass
- Improvising the blues scale



### Video Game Music
- Exploring music of different genres
- Discovering techniques used to create mood and atmosphere
- Performing well known video game melodies
- Composing music for own video game erformance skills



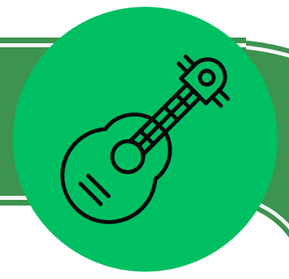
### MOBO
- Exploring music of black origin from 18th century to now.
- Listening skills and understanding context
- Performing reggae



### Make a Band 2
- Improved skills learning new songs
- Adding complexity
- Using Amplification



### Ukulele Skills
- Learning to play melodies and chords on the ukulele
- Group performance skills
- Vocal performance skills



### African Drumming
- Rhythm notation
- Djembe technique
- Poly-rhythms
- Performing from notated rhythms
- Improvising rythmic patterns



### Music For Animation
- Music technology skills
- Using Garageband
- Composing to a brief
- Key terminology



### Haunted House
- Performing horror movie themes
- Minor keys, tritones and diminished 7ths
- Composing using 'scary' techniques
- Choice of keyboard performance piece



### Vocal Project
- Exploring vocal styles
- Scat composition
- Beatboxing and keeping time
- Notation of beatboxing
- Rap history
- Composing a rap

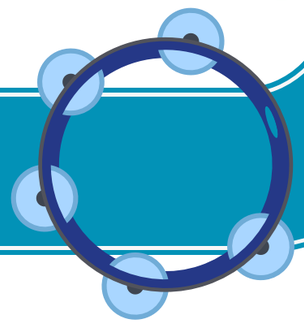


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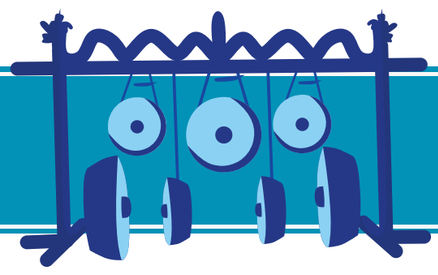
### Make a Band 1
- Guitar/Ukulele
- Bass guitar
- Drum kit
- Keyboard
- Rehearsing as a group
- Performance skills



### Samba
- Exploring rhythms
- Performing Samba rhythms
- Keeping in time
- Rhythm notation



### Gamelan
- Music of Indonesia
- Performing from unconventional notation
- Whole class performance
- Composing in Gamelan style

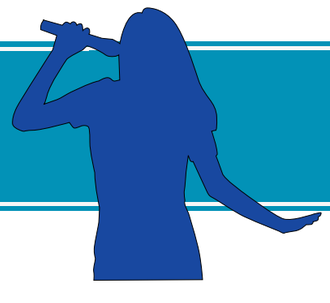


### Pictures At An Exhibition
- Instruments of the orchestra
- Composing programme music
- Singing



## Year 7

### Key Skills
- Elements of music
- Introduction to keyboards
- Italian terms
- Singing



### Musicians Toolkit
- Rhythm and pitch notation
- Reading notation
- keyboard skills
- Christmas songs and melodies



## Key Stage 3 Overview

Music is a performance art. The joy of music comes from performing, composing and listening to it. It is our intention that KS3 offers all students the opportunity play a variety of instruments and learn about compositional techniques and different styles of music through performing and composing using different media. Staff notation and use of technology will also be accessed through performance skills and allow students to develop their cultural understanding of different styles while learning to play keyboard, ukulele, drums, vocals and guitar. All of these skills will also provide a foundation by which all students may access our KS4 courses.

We encourage all students to take advantage of our extra-curricular programme to further develop their musicianship. We offer Choirs, Orchestra, Guitar and Ukulele Club and Keyboard Club as well as other smaller ensembles.

**“Music is a world within itself in a language we all understand.” Stevie Wonder**