



Armfield Academy – Music

Year 8 Curriculum Overview



Half Term 1	
Date	Keyboard Skills 2 - Hooks and Riffs
WC 06/09	Introduction to Year 8 music - What is a hook? What is a riff?
WC 13/09	Famous hooks and riffs - how to perform
WC 20/09	Composing your own riff
WC 27/09	Composing your own hook
WC 04/10	Arranging your riff and hook
WC 11/10	Performing your composition
Half Term 2	
Date	Improvisation
WC 01/11	What is improvisation in music?
WC 08/11	Learning melodies by ear
WC 15/11	How to improvise using the pentatonic scale
WC 22/11	Performance activities - arranging melodies and improvising
WC 29/11	Performance activities - arranging melodies and improvising
WC 06/12	Performance assessments
WC 13/12	Performance assessments and evaluation
Half Term 3	
Date	House Music
WC 10/01	What is house music?
WC 17/01	Composing a house music drum beat
WC 24/01	Composing a house music bass line
WC 31/01	Composing a riff
WC 07/02	Arranging your composition
Half Term 4	
Date	The Beauty of Baroque
WC 21/02	What is Baroque music? Instruments and texture. Pachelbel's Canon in D
WC 28/02	Using the notes of the D major scale to compose a melody. Performing a melody from Pachelbel's Canon in D
WC 07/03	Influences of Baroque music and performing additional layers from Pachelbel's Canon in D
WC 14/03	Performance activities - Pachelbel's Canon in D
WC 21/03	Performance activities - Pachelbel's Canon in D
WC 28/03	Performances and Evaluation
Half Term 5	
Date	Performing - The Ukulele
WC 18/04	Introduction to the ukulele. How it creates its sound and how to play it.
WC 25/04	Learning chords and strumming patterns
WC 02/05	Performance activities - how to play a song on the ukulele
WC 09/05	Performance activities - how to play a song on the ukulele
WC 16/05	Ukulele performances
WC 23/05	Ukulele performances and evaluation
Half Term 6	
Date	Samba
WC 06/06	What is samba? The history and musical style. Introduction to the 'intro break'
WC 13/06	Introduction to Samba Funk - learning the 'intro break' and 'main groove'
WC 20/06	Learning the 'middle break' and 'end break' - rehearsing Samba Funk
WC 27/06	Composing your own piece of samba music
WC 04/07	Performance and composition activities - composing and rehearsing your own piece of samba music
WC 11/07	Performance and composition activities - composing and rehearsing your own piece of samba music
WC 18/07	Performances and evaluation