## **Fiction**



#### Swing Time by Zadie Smith

Two girls' love of the golden age of musicals drives their life paths. Moving from London to Africa, the themes of friendship, music,

#### A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan



Egan's spellbinding novel circles the lives of an ageing former punk rocker and record executive and the passionate woman he employs.

# Greetings from Bury Park by Sarfaz Manzoor



Inspiration for the film 'Blinded by the Light', this novels covers teenage angst, racial tension, parental conflict and how the power of music, in this case Bruce Springsteen, can change everything.

#### **Amsterdam by Ian McEwan**



Reunited at the funeral of past love photographer Molly Lane, Clive, a composer commissioned to write a symphony to premiere in Amsterdam and Vernon, a newspaper editor, make a pact that has far reaching consequences.

The school subscribes to JSTOR, a digital library of academic journals, e-books and primary sources.

### **Podcasts**

- BBC Radio 3 Sound of Gaming Jessica Curry delves into the world of music for video games.
- Switched on Pop On Apple and Spotify. The making and meaning of pop music, breaking down songs to figure out what makes a hit and what is its place in culture.
- BBC Radio 3 Sound of Cinema Weekly podcast taking the music from a new film release and using it as a starting point for an exploration of themed movie soundtracks.
- BBC Radio 3 Composer of the Week The lives and works of some of the greatest classical composers from contemporary Adams, to 19
- BBC Radio 3 Classical Fix Classical playlists for music loving celebrity guests.

## **Websites**

- https://www.davelowemusiconline.com/
- https://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/
- https://www.billboard.com/
- https://www.rcm.ac.uk/
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/symphonyorchestra
- https://www.rollingstone.com/music/
- https://www.universalproductionmusic.com/en-gb
- https://www.classical-music.com/news/
- <a href="https://www.nme.com/">https://www.nme.com/</a>

# Inspiration

## "Music is life itself."

**LOUIS ARMSTRONG** 



# **MUSIC**

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## **Non-Fiction**

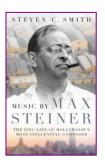
Books you may find useful to broaden your

Music knowledge will be found in libraries under the following Dewey Decimal numbers:

Music: 780 Musical Form: 781

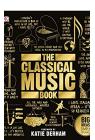
Vocal Music: 782 Instrumental Ensembles: 784

**Mechanical and Electrophonic Instruments:** 786



Music by Max Steiner: The Epic Life of Hollywood's Most Influential Composer by Steven C Smith

The story of a music pioneer who helped create a vital new art with some of the greatest film scores in cinema history.



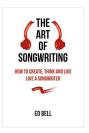
The Classical Music Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained

Key ideas underpinning the world's greatest classical compositions, placing them in their wider social, cultural, and historical context. **781** 



Understanding Video Game Music by Tim Summers

The musicology of video games. Methods and concepts for developing music for racing a rally car, music for evading zombies, music for saving the earth from aliens... **786** 



The Art of Songwriting: How to Create, Think and Live Like a Songwriter by Ed Bell

The developmental phases and commercial experiences to inspire and encourage songwriters everywhere. **786** 

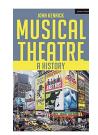
The History of Jazz by Ted Gioia

The story of the music, the breakthrough styles, the characters, and the world in which it evolved. **781** 



Retromania: Pop Culture's Addiction to it's own Past by Simon Reynolds

Despite living in the digital age this book explores the obsession with our analogue past with revivals, reissues, re-unions and remakes. **781** 



Musical Theatre: A History

A comprehensive history of stage musicals, from the Ancient Greeks to the Broadway and West End shows of today. **782** 



Superfans: Power, Technology, and Money in the Music Industry by Emily Gumbulevich

Mysteries of the music industry debunked from where your concert ticket money goes to what happens when you stream your favourite song on Spotify.

## **School Information**

Exam Board: AQA (A Level)

Edexcel (BTEC)

**Subject Leader: Mrs R Jankinson** 

Minimum grade required: No minimum grade. Entry by interview and experience.



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