



The High School  
Leckhampton

# Year 8 MUSIC



## Topic Titles

How can rhythm help us to further understand the music around us?

What are the links between rhythm and pitch in playing music?

Why is the context of music important?

What role does rhythm play in Samba?

How do our experiences of music differ to others around the world?

What can we learn from modern day music?

## Intent

Throughout our lessons, our goal is for students to develop a knowledge of how music is created with the key musical elements, before growing and challenging this knowledge through the exploration of other musical styles across the globe.

Learning to use notation will help us to learn more challenge pieces in lesson, which in turn will allow us to analyse how these pieces work and why they are effective. Taking this information forward, we will discover the ways that music around the world can be interpreted through notation.

Students will discover the relevance of context when talking about music and further explore how this is useful in understanding contrasting genres.

## Links with other subjects

Music has strong links to Geography as we explore other cultures across the globe and the musical differences.

Biology and physics are used to explore how we use our voices and how sounds are produced by instruments.

Music often relies on sequences and patterns, which lead to links in Maths.

Historical context is regularly discussed throughout Music lessons to create context for the pieces.

## How will knowledge and skills be taught?

Regular listening examples every lesson will help students to build a breadth of musical experiences. Through their knowledge of notation and musical elements, students will be able to express their understanding of the music they are listening to as well as justify their opinions.

Group work for performances and compositions will teach students valuable lessons about playing music together, but also crucial skills of teamwork and leadership.

## Recommended Reading and Preparation for Learning

### How can parents help?

- Encourage students to visit the VLE, especially the "Weekly Listening" section.
- By taking students to live music events; concerts, musicals etc.
- Listen to music in the car with your child and encourage active listening; what can they hear in the music? What instruments? How are musical elements used? Do they like it and are they able to justify their opinion?
- Encourage your child to try extra curricular music activities, especially Voices, which requires no previous musical knowledge. Music is for everyone!

Explore the "Weekly Listening" section of the VLE; practice "active listening", using understanding of musical elements and topics to support opinions.

Listen to a variety of music. Spotify, Youtube and services like "Tidal" or "Qobuz" can be useful for this.

Visit IMSLP.org to find a variety of sheet music

Spend time experimenting with different instruments, consider instrument / singing lessons in school