

DAGENHAM PARK SUBJECT CURRICULUM

Subject	Music
Year Group	Year 7
Overview	<p>In Music we help pupils develop as individuals that are confident, creative and ready to work both with others and independently towards a common goal.</p> <p>In year 7 pupils will develop their skills in Music by specialising in a chosen instrument, each topic we cover will develop student's technical and creative abilities through performing and composing with their chosen instrument alongside listening to some of the great composers and musicians from around the world. Music lessons are taught in the style of Musical Futures, which is a pedagogy in which pupils learn and develop skills in a very practical way, often working collaboratively in the way that real musicians do.</p> <p>All Music lessons are centred around making music together and as such are practical and active, students will be expected to work independently and to focus on their skills development at all times.</p> <p>As part of our current curriculum offer, all pupils in year 7 are offered instrumental tuition in small groups on their chosen instrument in addition to their normal music lesson. This is an exciting offer that we hope will enrich our pupils' musical experiences and cultural capital as well as being a driver in moving progress forward.</p>
Autumn Term	<p>Introduction to Instruments and Ensemble: Pupils will have the opportunity to try out all the pop instruments (guitar, bass, drums and vocals) we have in school before selecting the instrument they wish to specialise in, they will then learn a song and which musical devices are used before they perform it with their band. Ensemble work will also be supported by a focus on singing, with vocals being used as a tool to further embed students' understanding of song structure and musical comprehension.</p>

<p>Spring Term</p>	<p>Pop composition: Using some of the skills pupils have developed in their first topic they will now apply it to their own piece of music. Pupils will learn about themes and musical devices such as structure and harmony. At the end of the project pupils will be expected to perform their song. Pupils will be exploring composition, this will include; diatonic chord progressions, compositional techniques, structure and instrumental development. This will culminate in an end of term show in lessons with a selection of pupils performing at the Easter showcase.</p>
<p>Summer Term</p>	<p>Music Technology Composition Project: Pupils will get the chance to explore the world of music technology, learning the basics of composing using the latest music software. Pupils will develop composition skills further in this way so that they can use music technology of a way of accessing composition in their future learning.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>Homework will be focused on key words and musical elements. There will be tasks set on SMHW. We also have a fantastic software subscription to 'Focus On Sound' which enables students to revise and work on listening tasks at home.</p>
<p>Useful Resources</p>	<p>https://dagenhampark.musicfirst.co.uk/app/ Your username and password is your student ID number. Example: If my ID was 123456 I would type in: Username: 123456 Password: 123456</p>