

DAGENHAM PARK SUBJECT CURRICULUM

Subject	Music
Year Group	Year 8
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 8 pupils will deepen their skills and knowledge in Music through practical and active music making, each topic we cover will further develop student's technical and creative abilities through performing and composing their own music 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>
Autumn Term	<p>The Blues: Pupils will study the 12-bar blues and the history of slavery in America. There will be the opportunity to explore improvisation and compositional devices such as call and response. Pupils will learn theoretic elements of music, including variations, structure and dominant 7th chords. Pupils will learn how to apply this to play the Blues stylistically.</p>
Spring Term	<p>Own Choice Song: During this unit students will have the opportunity to arrange a piece of music of their own choice, they will learn how to research and adapt a piece of music to match their own vision.</p>

<p>Summer Term</p>	<p>Film Music Technology: Pupils will be exploring film music through music technology, this will include leitmotifs, how emotion is created through music and skills using music technology software. Pupils will compose film music electronically and create a finished film clip with original music. Electronic Music Production Skills such as looping, automation, mixing, and editing will be explored during this unit.</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>