

UNDERSTAND

Vocabulary

Rhythm
Tempo
Timing
Pitch
Texture
Structure
Dynamics
Melody
Protest song
Composition
Conjunct
Disjunct
Stepwise motion
Repetition
Sequence
Confidence
Stage presence
Range
Voice projection

Key Information

You will be expected to work in pairs throughout the year, sharing equipment. You will also have to perform in front of others.

What you should already know

Caribbean music, film music, samba music, jazz and blues, keyboard and ukulele skills.

APPLY

Information

Term 1 – Protest songs

This term you will protest songs – in particular the messages and themes behind the lyrics. You will compose lyrics for your own protest song, as well as a backing track to go with it.

Term 2 – Composing to a brief

This term, you will get a number of briefs to respond and compose music. Your brief may ask you to compose music for a comedy soundtrack and for a science-fiction film. You will learn about a range of composition techniques, such as hook/riff, rhythmic pattern, melodies, chords, stepwise movement, conjunct and disjunct melodies, as well as repetition and sequence. You can use music technology and instruments for these.

Term 3 – Final Project

This term you will either choose a performance or composition pathway. If you choose performance, you will select which instrument (or voice) on which you wish to perform. You will select a song, rehearse, and perform it. If you choose the composition pathway, you will create a free choice composition. You will be able to use instruments to compose, or music technology, or a combination of both combined.

Want to know more

In year 10, if you choose music, you will study the following units:

Unit 1 – The Music Industry – Here you will learn about job roles/careers

Unit 2 – Managing a Music Product – Here you will put on a concert

Unit 4 – Introducing Music Composition – Here you will compose music

Unit 5 – Introducing Music Performance – Here you will perform music

CREATE

You will get a template if needed for your protest song. You can use rhyming dictionary if you want, though you do not have to make your song rhyme.

You can use the iMac, Garageband, Logic Pro and the MIDI keyboard to help you compose or stick to instruments.

Here you will choose a song to perform – there will be free choice but if you need help, there will be songs available for you to choose from if needed.

There will be chord sheets to help you if you are choosing the composition pathway.

Links to other subjects

Maths – Duration, rhythm, timing and tempo.