

Curriculum Information Bramcote College

Year Group: 7

Subject: Music

Objectives/purpose	The music curriculum broadly follows the
	principles of the National Curriculum and
	aims to establish a love of making music
	together. It establishes and develops
	students' musicianship skills.

Autumn Term	ELEMENTAL (4 lessons)		
	Using Boomwhackers, students perform as a		The White
	whole class ensemble to playalong tracks.		
	This develops their timing, co-ordination,		
	and engenders a sense of unity, and		Curriculum Info
	confidence within the class in a fun way. This		
	is then assessed with a small group	Year Group: 7	
	performance.		
	Throughout the project students are	Subject: Music	
	introduced to the key musical vocabulary		
	that will be needed throughout their musical	Objectives/purpose	The music curriculum Curriculum and aims
	study: the Musical Elements (Pitch,		establishes and deve
	dynamics, texture, tempo, duration, timbre	Autumn Term	
	& structure.)	Autumni term	ELEMENTAL (4 lesson Using Boomwhackers
	Students then add other percussion		playalong tracks. This
	instruments to their ensembles to compose short pieces of music that demonstrate their		a sense of unity, and
	understanding of the musical elements.		assessed with a smal
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			work in small groups
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	4 CHORDS (5 lessons)	
Spring Term	Students learn how to play four chords on	
	the ukulele (naturally some students will be	
	able to grasp more than 4). In order to do	
	this they will need to master the correct	
	posture, positioning of the hands/fingers	
	and the reading of chord charts. As students	
	become more proficient they will be	
	introduced to more complex strumming	
	patterns. Again, good timing, dynamics, and	
	general musicianship are all crucial to	
	success.	
	Students are assessed on their ability to	
	navigate the chord changes, and employ	
	more sophisticated strum patterns whilst	
	performing in small groups with a backing	
	track.	
	KEYBOARD SKILLS 1 (5 lessons)	
Summer Term	Students learn how to read treble clef pitch	
Summer renn	notation and some basic durations	
	(semibreve, minim, crotchet, quaver).	
	Students apply their knowledge of pitch and	
	duration when playing short pieces of music	
	on the keyboard. This project involves a lot	
	of self-directed learning – students progress	
	through a book of short pieces that get	
	gradually more complex and require a	
	building skill base. These skills range from	
	playing melodies with the correct fingers of	
	the right hand, to calculating the most	
	efficient way of navigating three or four note	
	chord progressions by employing different	
	inversions.	
	Those students who take piano or keyboard	
	lessons out of school are expected to bring	
	in their music and take the opportunity to	
	progress further.	
	This project is assessed through a minimum	
	of 3 solo performances.	
	GAMELAN (4 lessons)	
	Learning about the arts from other cultures	
	helps us all to grow into more considerate	
	and thoughtful people. During this project,	
	students explore the music of Java and Bali	
	(Indonesia) and its role within society.	
	Students work in small groups to read the	
	traditional numerical notation system and	
	perform a typical piece of Javanese Gamelan	
	music on the keyboards.	
	music on the Reyboards.	

How is progress measured?	Progress is asses by way of either solo or group performances of music either provided or of their own compositions. Progress is measured by the increased effectiveness of communication using music specific technical vocabulary, the increasing mastering of instrument specific techniques and their compositional maturity.
How is the subject externally examined? (KS4 and KS5)	N/A
Extending Learning at home	Students are able to sign up for specialist 1:1 tuition on any one instrument of their choice. For students on free school meals, holding NHS exemption certificates, or in receipt of working tax credits, lessons are free. For those who are not, there is a fee for this tuition. Please contact your music teacher for more information.
Support Available	Differentiation is core to what we do in music. We recognise that there are many significant challenges in terms of physical dexterity and cognition that may need to be overcome. Clearly, the work is structured so that a careful balance between challenge and achievement can be reached.
	Furthermore, we are acutely aware that some student arrive at Bramcote College having had the significant advantage of specialist instrumental tuition. If this took place in your primary school, we will be able to continue this provision here at BC. Throughout all the projects there is significant scope for acceleration and the acquisition of additional skill.
Useful web addresses and book resources/revision guides	Whilst not explicitly part of the curriculum, students in Y7 may enjoy learning about the instruments in the Symphony Orchestra. The game in the link below will provide hours of fun. https://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org/

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