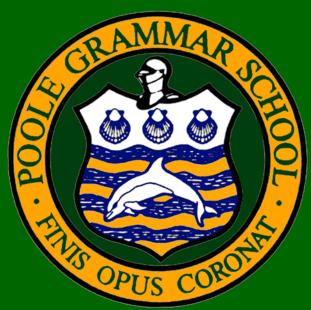
Poole Grammar School - Key Stage 3

(Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9)

MUSIC

'Meeting expectations' criteria, programme of study and curriculum content



Key Stage 3 Music 'meeting expectations' descriptors

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Performing	Sing and play confidently and fluently, maintaining an appropriate pulse. As appropriate, follow basic shapes of music (including staff and other notations) through singing and playing short passages of music when working as a musician.	Sing and play confidently and fluently, maintaining a clear pulse. Follow and lead simple performance directions, demonstrating understanding of these through singing and playing (including, but not limited to, dynamics and tempo, starting and stopping.	Demonstrate increasing confidence, expression, skill and level of musicality through taking different roles in performance and rehearsal. Maintain a strong sense of pulse and recognise when going out of time. Sing and/or play music with a convincing and secure sense of style and good control of the technical demands of the style.
Composing	Create and notate simple rhythmic patterns, melodies and accompaniments. Use voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways.	Compose music which shows a coherent development of musical ideas and fulfils a brief. Use a variety of musical devices, timbres, textures, techniques etc. when creating and making music. Create music which demonstrates understanding of structure and discuss the choices made.	Compose music with increased understanding of melody, harmony, structure and texture. Explore the expressive potential of musical resources and conventions used in selected genres, and traditions. Demonstrate understanding of the use of DAW and Notation software (eg. Cubase / Dorico / Soundtrap / Noteflight, etc)
Listening and Appraising	Communicate ideas, thoughts and feelings through language, and other art forms, giving justifications of reasons for responses. Offer comments about own and others' work and ways to improve; accept feedback and suggestions from others. Listen and evaluate a range of live and recorded music from different traditions, genres, styles and times, responding appropriately to the context.	Communicate ideas, thoughts and feelings through use of appropriate technical language, through discussion. Critique own and others' work, offering specific comments and justifying these. Demonstrate ability to use notations for rhythm & melody in listening (dictation) tasks.	Make and justify personal judgements on music heard and show understanding within the genres, styles and traditions studied, making connections between the structural, expressive and contextual aspects of music. Critique own and others' work, offering specific comments and justifying these. Demonstrate increasing ability to use notations for rhythm & melody in listening (dictation) tasks.

Programme of Study for Year 7 Music

Theme 1 Elements of music (3 weeks) Theme 2 Graphic score (4 weeks)	Theme 4 Rap music (6 weeks)	Theme 6 Folk music (5 weeks)
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Theme 3 Keyboard skills (2 weeks – leading to) Christmas songs (4 weeks)	Theme 5 Music for cartoons (6 weeks)	Theme 7 Music for adverts & computer games (6 weeks)

Curriculum Content for Year 7 Music

Theme	Content	Assessment
1 Elements of music (3 weeks)	K of the basic elements of music; U of how to apply these elements through using a nursery rhyme to demonstrate this knowledge (in groups).	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
2 Graphic score (4 weeks)	K of how to read a graphic score; U of how to apply this knowledge to create and perform their own graphic score (in groups), incorporating all the musical elements learnt previously.	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
3 Keyboard skills & Christmas / Winter songs (6 weeks)	K & U of where to find 5 notes of the keyboard: U by demonstrating their knowledge by learning to play a simple tune on the keyboards: U by creating lyrics (in groups) to said simple song and performing.	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
4 Rap music (6 weeks)	K of the background and history of rap music; K & U of how to create effective rap lyrics based on a theme; K & U of how to compose a background beat and chords to go with their lyrics	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
5 Music for cartoons (6 weeks)	K of the history of cartoon music and how important music is in cartoons; U through creating music on different instruments for an excerpt of a cartoon.	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
6 Folk music (5 weeks)	K & U of traditional UK folk music, focussing on Sea Shanties; K on how to play 1-3 different folk music pieces on different instruments; learning about different folk music instruments, how they look and sound.	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance
7 Music in advertising (6 weeks)	*Still in progress* K of how music is and has been used in advertising; U the importance of 'jingles' in advertising; composing their own music to a chosen advert.	Through teacher listening, feedback & performance

Programme of Study for Year 8 Music

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Theme 1 Where It All Started – The Blues (6 weeks)	Theme 2 (cont.) Roots, Rebellion, Reggae – Jamaican Music (4 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 3 In The Mood! Jazz (2 weeks)	Theme 4 Ground Bass to 4-chord trick - Musical Cycles (6 weeks)
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Theme 1 (cont.) Where It All Started – The Blues (2 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 2 Roots, Rebellion, Reggae – Jamaican Music (4 weeks)	Theme 3 (cont.) In The Mood! Jazz (6 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach'	Theme 4 (cont) Ground Bass to 4-chord trick - Musical Cycles (2 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 5 Class Singing Competition (6 weeks)

Curriculum content for Year 8 Music

Theme	Content	Assessment
1 Where it all started? The Blues (8 weeks)	K of primary chords (I, IV, V), the 12-bar progression, the AAB lyric pattern; strophic structure; style, voice & tempo functions on a keyboard; the 'shuffle' beat U of how the 12 bar progression fits with the AAB lyric pattern; how blues comes out of slavery and how these origins are reflected in blues songs; S: writing and performing a blues song; playing in time to a beat; finding and selecting styles and tempi on a keyboard.	Compose and perform your own blues song
2 Roots, Rebellion, Reggae – Jamaican Music (8 weeks)	K of Reggae's 'one-drop' drum beat; chords of A, D & E; 'skank' rhythm; how reggae music emerged; U of how chords, 'skank' rhythm and the 'one drop' beat fit together in reggae; how to follow a 'lead sheet' and a chord chart; S: arranging and performing Three Little Birds with the elements of the reggae style.	Performance of Three Little Birds
3 In The Mood! Jazz (8 weeks)	K of jazz music and how it developed; the melody, bass line and chords of 'In The Mood'; chord and non-chord notes; what improvisation means in popular music; head-improvisation-head structure U of swing rhythm and triplet feel; how melody, bass, chords and swing rhythm work together within 'In The Mood'; how to use chord and non-chord notes within improvisation S: Arranging and performing In The Mood; improvising over its chord structure	Improvisation over the chords of In The Mood
4 Ground Bass to 4-chord trick - Musical Cycles (8 weeks)	K of ground bass and the concept of a musical cycle; labelling chords as Roman numerals; the $I-V-VI-IV$ pattern (4-chord trick); Pachelbel's Canon in D; brief history of Renaissance and Baroque music; U how musical cycles support musical structure; how chords fit within a musical key S: Performing a musical cycle	Performance of a musical cycle
5. Class Singing Competition (6 weeks)	K of elements of singing & vocal production U how to prepare for a vocal performance S: Performing a group song (in 2 parts)	Vocal performance

Programme of Study for Year 9 Music

Theme 1 Making Music With BandLab (6 weeks)	Theme 2 (cont.) Musical Futures (4 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 3 Focus On Sound Project (2 weeks)	Theme 4 Research Project & Presentation (6 weeks)
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Theme 1 (cont.) Making Music With BandLab (2 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 2 Musical Futures (4 weeks)	Theme 3 (cont.) Focus On Sound Project (6 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach'	Theme 4 (cont) Research Project & Presentation (2 weeks) Assessment & 'post-teach' Theme 5 Class Singing Competition (6 weeks)

Curriculum content for Year 9 Music

Theme	Content	Assessment
1 Making Music With BandLab (8 weeks)	K of project window, tools and icons, smart view; selecting instruments; automation; reverb and effects U of how parts layer to form musical textures; how music builds to create 'a drop'; how notes can be edited to create tighter timing (quantization); how sounds are balanced through track volume settings S: creating drum patterns; recording in time to a click; editing parts; creating dynamic changes in automation	Produce your own music technology piece
2 Musical Futures (8 weeks)	K of chord shapes for chosen instrument (keyboard, ukulele, guitar); chord progressions within chosen song; strumming/chord patterns U how to follow a chord chart; how to produce chords for chosen song S: changing chords in time within a song; strumming patterns	Performance of a piece from Musical Futures
3 Focus On Sound Project (8 weeks)	K of elements of music; musical keys; structures; sharps, flats and naturals; key signatures U of how scales are formed; how scales and keys are connected S: evaluating music using musical elements and other musical vocabulary	Music Theory Assessment
4 Research Project & Presentation (8 weeks)	K of chosen composer and piece; biographical information U of chosen piece in terms of structure, key and how it fits within composer's output and the musical features of the time period. S: Creating a good presentation – spoken delivery, PowerPoint skills	Presentation
5. Class Singing Competition (6 weeks)	K of vocal harmonies, part singing U how to prepare for a vocal performance S: Performing a group song (in 2 parts)	Vocal performance