

WHS Music Curriculum

Winter Song writing

How do songwriters create exciting music?

What techniques do songwriters use to make music catchy?

The Orchestra

How do famous composers choose which instruments to use?

Is the 'orchestra' still the same now as it was 300 years ago?

Film Music Studies

How can we use music to enhance the emotion in movies and tv shows?

What are some of the common techniques composers use?

Musical Styles

How do musicians across the world communicate musical ideas?

How is performance different across the world?

The Blues

How does the history of slavery and discrimination relate to blues music?

Why is both improvisation and structure important for blues?

In At The Deep End

How can we use the elements of music, notation skills and our understanding of instrumentation to create a performance?

Elements of Music

How is sound created and how do we, as musicians, describe sounds?

How do we categorise music?

Keyboard Skills

How do musicians know what notes to play when reading music?

How do musicians learn to consistently play at a high standard?

Ensemble Music

How is performing as part of an ensemble different from performing on your own?

What skills do we need to perform as part of a group?

Samba - The Music Of Brazil

How is rhythm and layering used to create music for Carnival?

What instruments are used for Samba?

Developing Rock Band Skills

How does the development of music technology affect popular music?

What skills are needed to create a rock band?

Music Technology

How is technology used in 21st century music?

What stylistic techniques do composers use when writing for film or popular music?

Year 7 KS3

Year 8 KS3