KS3 Y9 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

SUBJECT: MUSIC

	Topics being taught	What you will be assessed on	How you can support at home
Term 1	We're Singing the Blues (7 weeks)	The origins of where blues came from as well as key blues techniques such as the 12 bar blues, improvisation, harmony and reflecting upon ensemble performance.	Look into the history of blues. See if you can find any modern music that uses blues techniques.
	We're in Hollywood (7 weeks)	Ability to create leitmotifs to represent characters or places while achieving an accurate mood for the stimulus. Use music technology to compose effectively.	Listen to a variety of film music genres. Watch films you enjoy and see how the music links to the film.
Term 2	We're Back in the Band (9 weeks)	A topic that will put your ability to play, rehearse and reflect as part of a band to the test. Not only will you look at performance techniques, but look at how songs are broken down. Builds on Year 8 band project.	Watch live performances of bands. Listen to a variety of band music.
	We've Been Set Free (9 weeks)	The test of combining several layers of sound together, while following a clear structure. You can choose the style, but accuracy and authenticity are key.	Work on using Garageband at home. Listen to a variety of music in your chosen genre.
Term 3	We're Musical Folk (7 weeks)	A topic designed to improve your keyboard skills and a link to GCSE fusion music through folk music exploration.	Work on your piano music. Listen to a variety of folk music.

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