KS3 Y8 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

SUBJECT: MUSIC

	Topics being taught	What you will be assessed on	How you can support at home
Term 1	We're Bringing Classical Bach (8 weeks)	You will use your skills from year 7 programme music to compose classical bass lines, use the tonic and dominant chords, cadences and more.	Find some classical music you enjoy. Listen to different songs which use theme and variations
	We Are Minimal (7 weeks)	In this ensemble composition and performance topic you will look at how minimalism is put to together through rhythm, melody and texture.	Listen back to your pieces at home. Listen to minimalist music.
Term 2	We're World Musicians (8 weeks)	This will build on your work from African Drumming. Using more complex rhythm ideas such as syncopation, ostinato, polyrhythm and cross rhythms.	Compare to our Rhythm topic from year 7. Look into the history of where Samba came from.
	We're 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.	Listen to a variety of 'band' music. Prepare your notation/ chords etc. for the lessons.
Term 3	We're in the West End (7 weeks)	You will learn about the history and typical features of musicals and compose a song for a musical.	Work on your composition on Garageband at home. Wider listening to musicals.

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