

## Year 8 - Music

### What will be studied?

#### Topic(s)

World Music- unpitched percussion  
Understanding pitch and rhythm  
World Music- Blues  
Composition through technology  
Music theory Grade I  
The Orchestra through composition  
Exploring my instrument - Band workshop

#### How do you assess the learning?

Year 8 receives 1 music lesson per week. They have completed a term of music education. Year 8 have performed world music, developed the basics of music theory, performed from notation and had the opportunity to work on their ability to appraise music. Year 8 is assessed in three strands which has contributed to the current working grade you have received. Students are live assessed during lessons, students complete an end of unit assessment and at the end of term year 8 have an end of term assessment covering the terms learning. For this first term an average current working grade for year 8 would be B8.

### End of Year Examination

#### How will I be assessed at the end of the year?

At the end of the year a formal assessment will take place in the form of a performance and multiple choice test, similar to that used for Music GCSE examinations.

### How can I help my child?

#### Guidance and advice

Encourage your child/children to practice their musical instrument/voice for 20 minutes each day. Encourage your child/children to develop music theory knowledge. Provide opportunities for your child to listen to a range of music from different cultures.

#### Websites, visits, books, publications:

Music theory - <https://www.musictheory.net/>  
Music Theory in Practice (ABRSM) grades 1, 2 & 3  
Step Up to GCSE Music: Get Up to Speed with Stave Notation and the Core Requirements in Just Two Weeks Paperback  
Musical performances of all kinds  
BBC Bitesize

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