

Barnsley Academy – Year 8 Music Curriculum Overview 2023-24

Autumn Term			Spring Term			Summer Term		
Half-Term 1								
	Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework
Week 1	Solo & Ability Ensemble			Solo & Improvisation			Solo Grade 1 & Composition	
	Expectations Kodaly Body Percussion SFS	Contracts Kodaly sounds	Week 1	Expectations Rhythm Writing	Teaching gadget – rhythm names	Week 1	Expectations Tonality	Teaching gadget – note name challenge
Week 2	Kodaly Revision Rhythmic Dictation SFS	Join a music club Teaching Gadget (rhythm quiz)	Week 2	Rhythm writing recap	Teaching gadget – rhythmic dictation	Week 2	Tonality revision	Teaching gadget – major or minor
Week 3	Notes on the stave SFS	Teaching gadget: notes on stave Instrument Practice: Choral Symphony	Week 3	Melody	Teaching gadget – spot the different pitch	Week 3	Key Signatures	Teaching gadget – add the sharps
Week 4	Notes on the stave revision SFS Opt. keyboard skills	Instrument Practice: #s and bs	Week 4	Melody recap	Teaching gadget – melodic dictation	Week 4	Key Signatures recap	Teaching gadget – add the flats
Week 5	Rhythm Names SFS Body/untuned percussion	Teaching gadget (rhythm names)	Week 5	Progress Review	Teaching gadget – listening quiz	Week 5	Progress Review	Teaching gadget – build the key sig
Week 6	Progress Review (option. Keyboard skills for pitch, note reading & composition)	Practice stars	Week 6	Riffs	Teaching gadget – note naming recap	Week 6	Revision & Performance Assessment	Teaching gadget – key sig 20 questions
Week 7	Time Signatures	Teaching gadget (time signatures) Instrument practice: vamoosh bk 2	Week 7	Improvisation	Teaching gadget – higher or lower pitch	Week 7	Melody Composition	Teaching gadget – melodic dictation L2
Week 8	Time Signatures recap	Instrument practice: vamoosh bk 2	Week 8	Improvisation recap	Teaching gadget – instrument listening	Week 8	Accompaniment Composition	Teaching gadget – build the chords
Week 9	Instrumentation	Teaching gadget: instruments Instrument practice: vamoosh bk 2	Week 9	Walking Talking Mock	Teaching gadget – ledger lines	Week 9	Walking Talking Mock	Teaching gadget – spot the different pitch
Week 10	Instrumentation Revision	Instrument practice:vamoosh bk 2	Week 10	Assessment	Teaching gadget – theory L1	Week 10	Assessment	Teaching gadget – major or minor L2
Week 11	Walking Talking Mock	Teaching gadget: note naming				Week 11	Baseline composition	Teaching gadget – identify instruments – brass
Week 12	Assessment	Instrument practice: Wizard Waltz				Week 12	Development & Structure	Teaching gadget – identify the melody
Week 13	Option for revision & singing/keyboard skills	Instrument practice: pieces 1-9 in vamoosh book 2 over Christmas				Week 13	Composition Sharing & Reflections	Teaching gadget – scales builder
Week 14	2					Week 14	Culture Day Lesson	Teaching gadget – theory L2

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