

CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY

YEAR 7 MUSIC CURRICULUM JOURNEY

Create • Aspire • Excel



A vibrant community of musicians who enjoy, respect and celebrate music in all its forms.

Developing confident musicians who can perform, compose and listen with understanding.
Using creativity, skills and musical knowledge to express ideas, explore cultures and make a positive difference.

MUSICAL VOCABULARY

- PULSE** The steady beat like a heartbeat
- BEAT** The regular unit of time
- RHYTHM** Patterns of long and short sounds
- TEMPO** The speed of the music
- DYNAMICS** How loud or soft the music is
- PITCH** High or low sounds
- TEXTURE** How many layers of sound
- TIMBRE** The quality or colour of sound
- STRUCTURE** How the music is organised
- DRONE** A long, steady background note
- PENTATONIC** A 5 note scale used in many cultures
- SYNCOPIATION** Rhythms that go off the beat
- GROUND BASS** A bass line that supports chords
- VARIATION** Changing or developing a musical idea
- ENSEMBLE** Playing music together as a group

Music connects us, inspires us and helps us understand the world.

AUTUMN TERM

BUILDING BRICKS OF MUSIC

- Elements of Music
Beat, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, pitch, texture
- Rhythm & Graphic Notation
- Reading & performing rhythmic patterns
- Graphic scores
- African drumming
- Harry Potter Rap
- Talking Drums
- Musical vocabulary

SPRING TERM

KEYBOARD SKILLS & COMPOSITIONS

- Reading pitch notation (Grade 1 preparation)
- Ground Bass
- Creating variations
- Pentatonic scale
- Drones & harmony
- Amazing Grace
- Frère Jacques
- Mozart & Classical periods
- Canon & Fugue
- Historical classical music
- 80s/90s remix & pop

SUMMER TERM

SAMBA & WORLD MUSIC

- Samba rhythms (Brazilian music)
- Complex rhythms in preparation for Year 8 Reggae
- Pentatonic scales & drones
- Composing world music
- Music of China
- Traditional music from other cultures
- European hymns & spirituals
- Cultural understanding

YEAR 8

NEXT STEPS

- 12 Bar Blues
- Reggae
- Rap Music
- Music in the Media
- Minimalism
- Performance Showcase & Ensemble Skills

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAMME

- Rock Group**
Band skills, electric instruments, pop/rock repertoire
- Choir & Musicals Club**
Vocal harmonies, musical theatre, staging
- Percussion Group**
Rhythmic timing, drumming, tuned percussion
- Swing & Jazz Group**
Improvisation, swing rhythms, jazz standards
- Ukulele Group**
Chord shapes, strumming, beginner ensembles
- Wind Group**
Woodwind/brass ensemble, section playing
- School Orchestra**
Large ensemble, classical to contemporary
- Music Technology Club**
DAW production, midi sequencing, audio mixing
- Open Mic Nights**
Share your talents in a supportive environment

Concerts & Events Throughout the Year
Christmas Carol Concert • Spring Concert
Summer Concert • End of Year Assembly

MUSICAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- PERFORMANCE** Play instruments & sing with confidence
- COMPOSITION** Create, develop & structure musical ideas
- LISTENING & APPRAISING** Explore, analyse & evaluate music
- KEYBOARD SKILLS** Read music & play with accuracy
- ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE** Work together & perform
- NOTATION** Read & write rhythmic & pitch notation
- CREATIVITY** Experiment & express original ideas
- WORLD MUSIC** Explore music from different cultures
- CULTURAL CAPITAL** Understand history, traditions & contexts

ASSESSMENT JOURNEY

- PERFORM** Play & sing with control & expression
- COMPOSE** Create & develop music
- LISTEN** Discriminate & identify musical elements
- READ NOTATION** Read rhythms & pitch with accuracy
- EVALUATE** Analyse & give constructive feedback
- CREATE INDEPENDENTLY** Apply skills to create original music

ARTISTS & INFLUENCES



CULTURAL CAPITAL – MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD



CAREERS & FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Performer / Musician
- Composer / Songwriter
- Producer
- Sound Engineer
- Music Teacher
- Film / Media Composer
- Music Therapist
- Event Manager
- GCSE Music
- A Level Music
- A Level Music Technology
- Music College
- University

Helping every student find their pathway to success.

OUR MUSIC – OUR VALUES

- COMPOSITION** Be creative & original
- LISTENING** Listen with understanding
- KEYBOARD SKILLS** Develop technical ability
- CREATIVITY** Express your ideas
- ENSEMBLE** Work together & support others
- MUSICAL LITERACY** Read, write & understand music
- CULTURAL CAPITAL** Celebrate diversity through music
- CONFIDENCE** Believe in your abilities
- TEAMWORK** Achieve more together

Be the music.
Be the change.