



Music: Year 9 Overview

Topic 1: The Eras of Western Music

Students develop their knowledge of Baroque, Classical and Romantic music. They learn how the orchestra developed over time. They develop individual performance skills on the keyboard by performing 'Für Elise'.

Topic 1: Disco

Students develop their knowledge of Disco music and develop their keyboard performance skills. They 'remix' a famous disco piece into a genre of their choice by manipulating the way the musical elements are used.

Topic 2: Pop Song Challenge

In groups they learn how to develop composing ideas to create pop songs. They learn about developing chord progressions and what makes a good melody. They develop and perfect their performance skills either in pairs or as part of a group.

Topic 4: Indian Music

This unit looks at the culture and context of Indian Classical music. They explore a range of new instruments such as the tabla drums and the harmonium, and they create improvised performances based on traditional Indian Raga.

Topic 5: Bhangra

Students prepare for the GCSE music course by looking at the features and context of Bhangra music. They learn about the fusion elements of the style and how music technology can be used to remix a traditional style into something more modern. They learn to perform the traditional 'chaal' rhythm and develop their performance skills in small groups.