Curriculum Overview

Subject: MUSIC

Term 1

Basic listening skills and the elements of music.

Students learn about pitch, duration, tempo, timbre, structure, texture and dynamics.

Introduction to the piano keyboard.

Sight reading skills – crotchet, quaver, minim, semibreve. C-Major scale.

Term 2

Western classical music.

Includes learning about influential composers from the baroque, classical and romantic period.

Students listen to and learn how to play some basic classical tunes on the piano keyboard.

Students learn about the instrument families of the orchestra.

Term 3

Blues.

Students learn about origin of the blues and the 12 bar blues structure.

Students are introduced to the guitar, and how to read chord diagrams and tablature.

Term 4

Rock and Roll.

Students learn about influential British and American rock musicians.

Students learn how to play some basic rock tunes on the guitar.

Term 5

World music.

Students learn about music from around the world including African, Middle Eastern, Asian, South-east Asian and Latin American music traditions.

Introduction to percussion and drumming.

Term 6

Electronic music

Students learn about how computers can be used to create music and sounds.

Students use software to create and record their own compositions.