

EASTBURY SUBJECT CURRICULUM

Subject GCSE Music 10

Overview This GCSE course is an engaging subject for pupils, as it gives scope for learners' to develop their skills in areas of interest, whilst we support their abilities in areas they find more challenging. Pupils will experience working with a range of music professionals, to accelerate their learning and help them achieve their full potential.

60% of the qualification is coursework based, where pupils select 2 songs to perform and 2 songs to compose. The styles of the songs they perform and compose are optional. The remaining 40% of the course is externally marked, through 1 listening exam. All work is submitted in year 11.

Recordings of their work can be found on www.soundcloud.com under Eastbury Music Department.

Term by term

Autumn During this term pupils are introduced to the course outlines and submission dates for their coursework. Pupils will be working on unit 1, where they have to perform and compose a song. They will also be working towards the exam paper, which is a listening test based on different styles of music. During lessons pupils will engage on a variety of practical and theory tasks, with the focus being on them developing their key skills in music

Spring pupils will be submitting their first pieces of coursework for unit 1. This will require them to record their performances and compositions, using our Mac computers. There will be an opportunity for pupils and teachers to review current progress, which will indicate if they are meeting their target grades and if support is needed. Pupils will continue working on the exam paper and should be beginning to feel the benefits from understanding theory in their practical coursework.

Summer Pupils will have submitted unit 1 and moving to unit 2. In this unit pupils will learn the about the most common types of ensembles and historically the importance it had on music. Emphasis will be placed on pupil's aural awareness skills and to perform in groups to develop their own musicianship.

Homework Pupils will be given homework every week, which should take no less than 1 hour to complete. The tasks will help pupils accelerate their learning by stretching skills taught in lessons and deepening knowledge and understanding.

Pupils are given homework booklets at the start of term, which contains all the worksheets and submission dates for the term.

Additional information

The department is well resourced and continues to invest for the future. There is growing popularity in making music-using technology, through our 15 Mac computers.

For pupils interested in extending their learning, the department has a wide range of music clubs, workshops and ensembles for them to join. We also work closely with the Barbican Centre and Music Hub to offer pupils activities outside of the school.

Useful

resources

Here are some excellent websites for research and information.

www.musictheory.net -

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net> Free music software for recording

www.soundcloud.com under Eastbury Music Department.