

EASTBURY SUBJECT CURRICULUM

Subject	Music Year 8
Overview	<p>From year 7 pupils will have a good foundation in key skills for music. In year 8 pupils will broaden their experiences, by playing indifferent styles of music and learning culturally the importance of music. There will be a stronger emphasis on pupils performing in groups and learning how to critically review work. Pupils are encouraged to take part in performing which can range from our schools concerts to events outside of school.</p> <p>The department believes in teaching music through sound before symbol and encourages pupils to explore music creatively, through the various topics, using a wide range of instruments.</p> <p>Recordings of their work can be found on www.soundcloud.com under Eastbury Music Department and by going to ecsmusicdepartment.wordpress.com</p>
Term by term	
Autumn	<p>Eastern Mediterranean Music</p> <p>Pupils will discover music from Greece, Israel and Palestine with a focus on performing skills using various instruments. They will explore different songs and musicians from the regions and learn about the different forms of music</p> <p>Indian Bhangra Music</p> <p>In this unit, pupils will explore Bhangra music and how it became popular in modern day culture. Pupils will compose their songs and further develop their knowledge in the elements of music.</p>
Spring	<p>Blues and Jazz Music – Pupils will learn the importance that Blues music had in the development of modern day song and understand historically the role music had during this period. There will be opportunities for pupils to explore this style of music through a variety of practical tasks including singing.</p>

Summer	History of Rock & Roll – Pupils music from the style and how it influenced the World. The unit focus on pupils developing their aural awareness and performing skills. Pupils will be guided with advice from professionals on how to develop their performances, which is finally recorded. They will also learn about famous musicians from the time and about the music they created
Homework	Pupils will be given homework every 2 weeks, which should take no longer 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 21 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 - Eastbury Music Department. Mrcaainclasses.wordpress.com – Department Website