

# EASTBURY SUBJECT CURRICULUM

## Subject GCSE Music 11

**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 exams. All work is submitted in year 11.

### Term by term

**Autumn** Pupils will be working on unit 3, where they have to perform a song for more than 1 instrument. They will also be preparing towards the listening exam unit, which is normally done in May or June. The exam is a test based on different styles of music. During lessons pupils will be engaged on a variety of practical and theory tasks, with the focus being on them developing their key skills in aural awareness. They will have a timed composition exam, based on given ideas. Pupils will complete this during lesson time.

**Spring** Pupils will be submitting coursework for unit 3. This will require them to record their own performances as an ensemble, using our mac computers. Pupils will also be busy revising and practicing for their listening exam during lesson time and at home.

**Summer** Pupils will be sitting the listening exam during this term. All coursework will have been submitted for moderation.

**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://www.musictheory.net) -

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

[www.soundcloud.com](http://www.soundcloud.com) under Eastbury Music Department.

[mrcainclasses.wordpress.com](http://mrcainclasses.wordpress.com) – department website