



# Gordon's School Music Department

## Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Map



### Key Words / Skills:

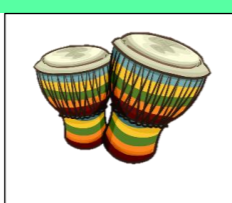
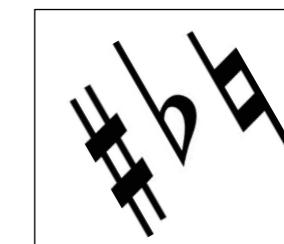
Melody  
Articulation  
Dynamics  
Time/Tempo  
Structure  
Harmony and Tonality  
Instrumentation  
Rhythm  
Texture



**Film Music Part 2**  
Composing music for film chase scenes and horror films using Bandlab.

**Film Music Part 1**  
Performing famous film themes including Pirates of the Caribbean and Harry Potter.

**Jazz**  
An exploration of the world of jazz by learning how to construct more complex chords.



**Protest Songs**  
A cross-curricular project with Drama and Art, looking at the use of the arts in protest.



**Pop and Rock Harmony**  
Take sheet music from the internet and be able to create music from it by learning about chords.

**Minimalism**  
You will learn to play Time Lapse by Michael Nyman which demonstrates the key features of minimalist music.

Year 9

**Reggae**  
This topic is a favourite! Developing keyboard and band skills whilst learning about music from Jamaica!

**Christmas Keyboards**  
A chance to practise your keyboard skills whilst learning those Christmas favourites.



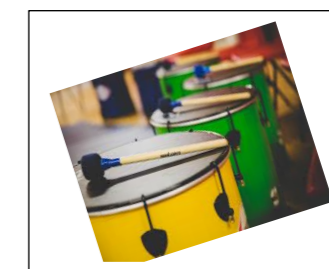
**Blues**  
A two part project. In Part 1 you will learn to play the Blues using keyboards and ukuleles. In part 2 you will compose a Blues song.



Year 8

**Pachelbel's Canon**  
A topic based around chord patterns with a historical twist.

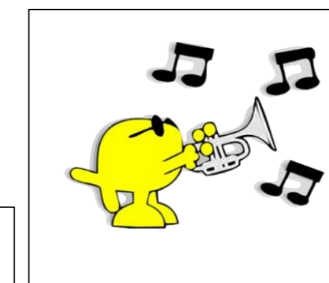
**Samba!**  
Learn how to combine rhythms to make samba music suitable for a festival.



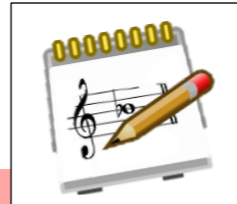
**African Music**  
Features of music from the African continent are learnt before performing and composing ostinati

**Theme and Variation**  
Learn how to develop your melodic ideas by using a variety of techniques

**Keyboard Skills**  
Develop your knowledge of the Keyboard. Learning how to navigate their way around the keyboard and understanding the functions



**Welcome to Music!**  
You will see we have lots of interesting topics planned for your time here at school that will build on skills you have been taught in KS2. Now let's begin your music journey at Gordon's.....



Year 7

**Building Bricks of Melody**  
You will develop your ability to pitch notes, compose, play and sing melodies and how to describe them.

**Building Bricks of Rhythm**  
You will begin to develop your awareness of a regular pulse. You will learn to use rhythm grids in music.

**Find your voice**  
A topic which builds on the use of melody. You will learn to sing in unison and harmony and how the voice operates as part of your amazing body!

