

**Music****YEAR 8**

Lesson(s) per week

1

Homework per week

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In Year 8 Music, students focus on developing group working skills. In the autumn term, having studied the history of The Blues, students work in small groups to produce a blues performance using keyboards, guitars or students' own instruments. They then compose a blues piece in pairs in the computer room.

In the spring term, students learn about four important periods of western music: the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras.

In the summer term, students focus on Music for Dance, studying modern styles such as Salsa and Club Dance music.

Assessment

Students are assessed in individual performance, paired composition work, and through Listening and Understanding written assessments at the end of each unit of work.

Books/other/materials/visits

Students are issued with a Music Folder when they arrive at Graveney, to which they add work completed throughout their three years in Music at KS3. There is also a range of other annual trips and visits: please see Music Matters, our termly newsletter, for more details.

What help can be given at home?

At Graveney we expect the vast majority of our students to become involved in extra-curricular music. Therefore, students should be encouraged to attend at least one of our many weekly groups, such as Junior Choir, or for more advanced instrumentalists, the Graveney Orchestra or Concert Band. Feeder groups for orchestra and concert band run weekly throughout the term for instrumentalists of grade 1 to 3 standard.