

Music at Elemore Hall School

Intent

Music aims to be an inclusive and engaging subject that inspires pupils to get involved in collaboration, independent learning, trying new skills and performing in front of their peers and the wider school community. Ultimately we would like to help learners become more confident by supporting them to try new skills that help build their self-esteem. The new experiences and skills they achieve will support them in creating a positive view of themselves and the world around them

Implementation

Pupils develop skills from key stage 3-4 looking at four strands: listening, performing, composing and evaluating. There is a focus on music from different cultures and genres and also key musical terms and theory that will help learners access skills quickly and effectively. Pupils will use speaking and listening skills, discussion based question and answer sessions, practical music skills, ICT skills and reading and writing tasks.

Pupils must use these skills to reach step 7 to access the Rock School qualifications and gain a Music practitioners accreditation at level 1 or level 2. These qualifications focus on performance and technology skills.



Impact

Music is a popular lesson and allows pupils to learn new skills in a supportive and safe environment. Pupils can choose a pathway that suits their skills and helps them build confidence in and outside of school. One of the school values is “having a willingness to give anything a go and get involved in school events setting a good example to others building self- esteem and confidence”. I feel music is pivotal to making this happen at Elemore Hall. “Having a go” is very much the focus and reinforcing the fact that mistakes are part of the learning process. This helps learners to keep going when they don’t get things right first time. The Summer and Christmas concerts help pupils celebrate achievements together and also are part of the accreditation process for music. We are helping pupils to buy into the school and be part of a positive and inclusive curriculum that allows all learners to learn and flourish with individuality and self-worth.

Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
7	Introduction to Rock instrument skills		Voiceworks	Instruments of the orchestra/ performance rehearsals	China/Summer concert performance pieces	Form and structure/ Summer concert rehearsals
8	African music	Pop music	Blues and Jazz/ Making the band	Rock and Roll	Rock instrument skills/recycled rhythms	Performance pieces/Summer concert rehearsals
9	Rock school skills		Performance for a concert audience/musical genres		Rock instrument/performance skills	

10	Rock school pathways	Rock school portfolios	Rock instrument skills/rock school	
11	Performance skills/rock school	Rock school/external assessments	Rock school/pathway skills	Final term/complete portfolios
M	Musical appreciation	Rock instrument skills	Performance skills	



Accreditation

RSL Level 1 Music practitioners qualification	RSL Level 2 Music practitioners qualification
<u>Technology</u>	<u>Performance</u>
Digital portfolio of evidence and external assessment using PowerPoint, photos, videos, witness statements and tutor observations	Digital portfolio of evidence and external assessment PowerPoint, photos, videos, witness statements and tutor observations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting on a performance • Listening to music • Controlled external assignment (sent by RSL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music rehearsal skills • Listening to music • Controlled external assignment (sent by RSL)
<p>Pupils can choose different units depending on their skill set</p> <p>Pupils can also study rock school grades in guitar, keyboards, drums and vocals</p>	

Additional Support

A peripatetic guitar teacher visits once a week to support one on one guitar tuition looking at grade 1-3 guitar skills. Music club is open morning and afternoon breaks from Monday to Thursday for pupils to work on/discuss/enhance any learning from lessons

Links with evening activities

Music is offered as an activity on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm. Pupils can use this time to enhance skills they have been developing in the school day or to try something completely different if they wish.

Enrichment

School concerts are a key enrichment activity. Pupils develop self-confidence, self-esteem and a sense of pride and fulfilment from performing. Through performing pupils also learn about working with others and commitment to a shared goal. The school has periodic on-going workshops with Live Music Now (visiting musicians exploring genres and different cultures), visits to New College and the Gala theatre to watch Rock school performances and visiting musicians for whole-school exploration days e.g. Africa day.

