

Year 9 Music Unit 3: Learning Journey

What are we learning about?

In this unit of work you will be producing your own version of a Popular Song using a Digital Audio Workstation. You will be learning how to set up Cubase, a DAW software, and record the parts using a MIDI keyboard.



Why are we learning about it?

This unit of work will give you a taster of and prepare you for Level 2 Music Technology and GCSE Music Technology Performance. We want to give you the opportunity to create and perform Music using Music Technology using the latest Music Software used in professional recording studios.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

You will study how to use Cubase Pro 10, a professional Digital Audio Workstation that allows you to create, produce and mix your music. You will learn how to set up a new project, how to record using a MIDI keyboard and mix your music using editing tools.



TOPIC: Music Production

How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

In this unit you will further develop your composition skills by selecting stylistically appropriate software instrument sounds, improvising using a scale and creating a drum beat that fits with the style of the song.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

In this unit you will be developing your ability to perform using Music Technology. This will require you to perform on a MIDI keyboard, in time to a metronome and develop expression through the touch-sensitive keys.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of using technology to create music. You have previously studied applications that use loops and allows you to edit pre-recorded audio, this will further build on this by introducing you to recording MIDI using a DAW.