

Year 8 Music Unit 1: Learning Journey

What are we learning about?

In this unit of work we are going to learn about some of the key artists who shaped Popular Music, identify some key musical styles and the development of Pop Music since the 1950's to the present day.



Why are we learning about it?

We want to introduce you to a range of different artists from the past and present to inspire you to listen to and perform in a range of different genres and styles.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

You will listen to a range of Musical styles since the 1950's including Rock, Rock 'n' Roll, Reggae, Hip Hop and Electronica. and learn about the key musical elements. Focusing on instrumentation, melody, harmony, rhythm, structure and key events which affected the development of pop music.



TOPIC: Music Through the Decades

How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

In this unit you will further develop your instrumental or vocal skills by refining accuracy, technique and expression when performing.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

In this unit you will be developing your ability to perform on an instrument or voice and produce music using technology in different musical styles.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of Popular Song by introducing different styles within the genre since the 1950's. You will be further developing your knowledge of the musical elements to analyse key features of the different styles.