Music Curriculum

Composition
Students will develop and apply their composition skills in a DAW

Multi-track Recording
Students will develop multi-track recording skills for solo and ensemble performances

Sound Creation and Effects
Students will explore sound design, including synthesis, sampling and digital effects

Coursework And Exam

YEAR 11

Song Recreations
Students will study and replicate different the development of music technology and it's impact on composition, performance and production

Musical Elements and Style
Students will explore deeply and recreate a variety of musical styles and their historical contexts

DAW Hardware and Software
Students will develop advanced competency in DAW functionality

KS4

Start the NCFE Level1/2 Music Technology course

YEAR 10

Song Recreations
Students will study and recreate a song using music technology, developing their DAW and production skills

Program Music
Students will look at industry style briefs, and will respond to them using music production skills

Advanced Keyboard Skills
Students will develop their instrumental skills on the keyboard further, as well as progress their understanding of chords, harmony and melody

Songwriting
Students will study the modern methods of song writing, and will compose and perform their own original music

Industry Style Brief
Students will apply their skills and knowledge development in y9 to an exam style brief

Music Industry
Students will explore the roles, skills and jobs in the music industry, and will use this to respond to briefs

Logic Composition
Students will be introduced to Logic, and will use this to develop their composition skills and apply the various ways of developing musical ideas.

YEAR 9

The Blues
Students will develop their historical context of blues music, and apply its key features into performances

Film and video game music
Students will develop their understanding of how tonality and instrumentation can effect the mood of a piece, and respond to industry style briefs.

Year 8 Performance
Students will apply their learning throughout y7 and 8 into a performance, developing their instrumental and vocal skills

Coverbands
Students will understand how the modern pop/rock band works. Students will develop their group performance skills as they cover a song.

Garageband
Students will be introduced to the world of music technology and it's role in music creation. Students will create original music with these tools.

YEAR 8

Ukulele and Pop Music
Students will continue to develop their instrumental skills through performing and composing melodies and chord sequences on the ukuleles

The Orchestra
Students will develop their understanding and historical context of the orchestra, and be able to compose using different timbres and textures.

Year 7 Performance
Students will apply their learning throughout the year into a end of year performance, embedding skills such as accuracy, timing and vocal/instrumental technique

YEAR 7

KS3

Keyboard Skills
Students will develop their keyboard skills, building instrumental skills through performing and composing melodies, chords and group work

Rhythms of the World
Students will develop their ability to understand and perform with different musical rhythm within a Samba and African drumming context

Elements of Music
Students will develop elementary performance skills, in which they will explore and demonstrate the key elements of music