

## Music Department – Reading in Music

Reading in music lessons enriches the whole musical experience by deepening students' understanding of musical theory, history and connect more deeply with the emotional aspects of music. Learning about the cultural background and historical context of various genres opens up new dimensions of appreciation, making the music they play or listen to even more meaningful. By combining literacy with hands-on practice, students not only improve their technical skills but also gain a fuller, more expressive understanding of music.

At Key Stage 3, students will engage in comprehension activities centered around renowned composers and various musical genres. Moving on to Key Stage 4, students can utilise 'Focus On Sound,' an online classroom that offers a wealth of information on diverse musical topics. Additionally, students have access to Quizlet, which aids in understanding and retaining essential keywords.

	Reading/Writing activities
Year 7	Comprehension activities on Beethoven and Mozart. Comprehension activities on various instruments of the orchestra including how they are played and descriptions of their sonority and range. Work on reading musical notation: pitch, rhythms and various musical signs
Year 8	Comprehension activities on The Blues including origins, famous blues musicians and common instruments. Comprehension activities on Hooks and Riffs including famous Pop/Rock musicians and their use of hooks and riffs, definitions of the keywords and instruments frequently used to perform them. Work on reading and writing musical notation as a precursor to composition work.
Year 9	Comprehension activities on various aspects of Pop Music from 1960 to modern day including different styles, changing instrumentation, famous musicians and their biography. Wider Reading on famous film composers including John Williams, Hans Zimmer and Danny Elfman.
Year 10	Wider reading on Focus on Sound to extend their knowledge of the Areas of Study covered in the Eduqas specification. Use of Quizlet to retain keyword information. Wider reading and comprehension activities on J.S. Bach to support their set work.
Year 11	Wider reading on Focus on Sound to extend their knowledge of the Areas of Study covered in the Eduqas specification. Use of Quizlet to retain keyword information. Wider reading and comprehension activities on Toto to support their set work.