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**Year 10 Curriculum Explained**

Our Year 10 Curriculum intends to develop understanding the building blocks for success at GCSE. This means that students will:

1. Develop their knowledge of specific musical vocabulary
2. Listen to a variety of different musical styles and genres using specific musical vocabulary to describe and analyse what they hear
3. Develop solo and ensemble performance skills
4. Build confidence when performing to others
5. Develop Composition 2 – Free Composition. This will count towards 15% of the GCSE grade.
6. Use computer software to develop compositions
7. Study the topics of Western Classical Music (AQA Area of Study 1) and Traditional Music (AQA Area of Study 3).
8. Study the pieces for Section B of the Listening Exam – Haydn Clock Symphony and Beatles Sgt. Pepper Album

**Topics Include**

**Area of Study 1**

* The Coronation Anthems and Oratorios of Handel
* Orchestral Music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven
* Romantic Piano Music of Chopin and Schumann
* The Requiem of the Late Romantic Period

**Area of Study 3**

* Blues Music 1920-1950
* Fusion Music incorporating African and Caribbean Music
* Contemporary Latin Music
* Contemporary Folk Music of the British Isles

**Section B**

* Haydn Clock Symphony Movement 2
* The Beatles Sgt. Pepper Album
  + With a Little Help from My Friends
  + Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
  + Within You, Without You