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**Year 7 Curriculum Explained**

Our Music curriculum intends to teach the students the essential skills and vocabulary for studying Music. This means that they will:

1. Know and understand the Elements of Music vocabulary
2. Understand the symbols involved in reading musical notation
3. Use musical notation to notate their compositions
4. Know the four families of instruments and the differences between them
5. Learn basic keyboard-playing skills including using the correct fingers and the opportunity to play with two hands
6. Learn to play specific pieces of music
7. Compose music both individually and in groups
8. Listen to and describe music of differing styles and genres
9. Learn about music from different countries and cultures
10. Sing together as a class.

The curriculum teaches the fundamental ideas which are the building blocks of Musical understanding, and we sequence these in the best order so that students can see how these ideas link together.

Unit 1 – Introduction to Music

Unit 2- Pentatonic Music

Unit 3 – The Instruments of the Orchestra

Unit 4 – Ternary Form

Unit 5 – Gamelan Music