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**Year 9 Curriculum Explained**

Our Year 9 Curriculum intends to provide 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. Learn how to develop successful chord sequences and use these to create compositions
6. Use computer software to develop compositions
7. Study further the topic of Popular Music (AQA Area of Study 2) looking specifically at the Beatles and other groups

**Topics Include**

* Exploring Musical Vocabulary
* The Orchestra
* Listening Skills
* Composition Skills
* Performance Skills
* Popular Music
* Rock Music of the 1960s and 1970s
* Film and Computer Game Music
* The Music of Broadway 1950s – 1990s
* Popular Music from the 1990s to the present