

## SUMMER 2024

**SUBJECT: Music**

**Year: 9**

### **Topic(s) to be covered:**

**Year 9 topics are designed to build on skills learnt in Year 7 and 8**

1. Soundtracks- students will further develop their keyboard/instrumental, composing and listening and appraising skills.
2. What Makes a Good Song? - Exploring Popular Songs and Musical Arrangements.

### **Assessment Procedures:**

- 🎵 Interim assessment (theory) based on their understanding of Soundtracks exploring film Music.
- 🎵 End of Unit practical test - assessments to include keyboard skills, composition skills, ensemble awareness and listening skills.
- 🎵 End of unit test- What Makes a Good Song?

### **Homework guidance:**

Students will receive 1 homework per double lesson on each rotation and 1 fortnightly homework on the music curriculum pathway. These will be a combination of retrieval, knowledge, and research tasks. Failure to complete a homework task will result in a 25-minute detention.

### **Enrichment opportunities:**

During your child's time at Lode Heath School, your child will have the opportunities to work individually, in small or large groups and as part of a whole class during musical performances.

Your child will also have the option to take up a musical instrument of their choice. We currently have a wide range of visiting music teachers from the Solihull Music Service.

For more details please visit: [Solihull Music Service | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk)

### **How can you help?**

Please support your child with their musical education by ensuring that their homework is completed on time and by encouraging them to attend extra-curricular clubs within school and outside school through the Solihull Music Centre- based at the Core Theatre. If your child plays an instrument, please encourage your child to practise regularly.

Your child will be required to name a musical instrument performing. If your child does not play a musical instrument in a band or an orchestra this is extremely difficult. The best way to learn is to go to [www.dsokids.com](http://www.dsokids.com) and here you can listen to all of the different orchestral instruments and learn what they sound like.