

Remote Learning Guide

Music



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What is the remote learning guide?

Where students are unable to attend school due to, medical, or disciplinary reasons we will continue to provide resources to enable students to continue their education at home – we

call this remote learning. We want to minimise the impact to your child's education and therefore we have a plan to make sure learning can continue when they are unable to attend school.

We will be providing all teaching resources through Microsoft Teams. All students will be automatically placed in a Team for their classes in all subjects. Teachers will place all activities, including lessons and resources as files in these Teams. Pupils can access the Teams through their school email accounts. Teachers will also set homework and send messages to their pupils using MS Teams. All work will be available before the lesson is due to start.

You can see a summary of what is being taught each week through the remote learning guides that are shared on the school website every Friday. The guides are also shared with students on their year group's MS Teams. Your child's teachers will also be available via email to answer any questions or queries your child may have. The email address for the head of each department is also included within this guide if you need to contact them regarding any subject related issue.

Pupils are also regularly set tasks and can access resources using the following platforms:

- **GCSEPod** - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- **Bedrock learning** - <https://bedrocklearning.org/>
- **Seneca** - <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- **UpLearn** - www.uplearn.co.uk
- **Sparx Maths** - <https://sparxmaths.com/>

The following resources provide lessons created by the BBC and Department for Education that may be used with your children to extend their learning at school.

- **Oak National Academy** - <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- **BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. We recognise that reading is vitally important to your child's education. Please make sure your child reads approximately one book a week. Students may access online news resources using The Day - <https://theday.co.uk/> or they may borrow a book from the school library.

Students record the passwords for these online resources in their school planner. If your child is unable to access the digital resources set by their teachers, please contact your child's Year Manager or Year Coordinator or the school directly using this email address: enquiry@holte.bham.sch.uk

Year 7
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What is your child learning this term?

Year 7 Curriculum Overview: This Spring Term, students will develop their vocal skills and confidence through singing, practicing vocal exercises, and being assessed on singing performances. Students will strengthen their understanding of pitch and rhythm by singing a variety of songs and vocal exercises that will stretch and challenge their musical ability. Students will also explore what soundscapes are and use a combination of vocal skills, percussion and keyboard; students will perform and create their own pieces using graphic notation.

Class	Teacher	Lessons, including homework deadlines & resources
7-1/Pm	JPT	Read through article (7 minute read and make notes on what an interval is and how to can figure out the spaces between each note. What Are Intervals in Music? Major, Minor, Perfect Intervals Explained read through PPT to help you. Intervals » Exercises Musicca test your knowledge with reading and listening tasks start with notation and ear training then continue up to fourths and fifths
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Year 8		
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<p>Year 8 Curriculum Overview:</p> <p>After exploring music local to them and in the UK, students will look further afield to the history and origins of Blues music. Students will be taught the historical background to Blues music, be taught the fundamental structure of the Blues (12 Bar Blues) and learn to play the 12 Bar Blues and walking bassline on keyboard. It is important for students to learn about the Blues as it forms the foundation of popular music yet to come, from Rock n Roll, Jazz and future pop genres. Students will continue to develop their ensemble playing, instrument practice skills, timing and accuracy as well as expression in their playing.</p> <p>In Spring 2, Year 8 will be exploring Hip Hop music, its features, and using music technology to create a Hip Hop beat.</p>		
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8-1/Pm	JPT	<p>Read through PPT Hip Hop and Rap Lesson 2 and make notes. Create your own rap lyrics by following the steps on the PPT, use an instrumental if it helps with ideas.</p> <p>Watch the video and make notes on how the DJ technique has developed and where it started and what equipment was used Pioneers of Hip-Hop: Check the Technique episode 1</p>
8-2/Pm	SIA	<p>Hip Hop and Rap – Lesson 2 – PPT on Teams. Read through and make notes on the features of Hip Hop. See if you can create your own lyrics, following the steps in the PowerPoint.</p> <p>The History of DJing - A Journey Through the Decades Read through the article on the history of DJing. Make notes on the history and techniques of DJs, including how equipment has developed over the decades.</p>
8-3/Pm	SIA/CLB	<p>Hip Hop and Rap – Lesson 2 – PPT on Teams. Read through and make notes on the features of Hip Hop. See if you can create your own lyrics, following the steps in the PowerPoint.</p>

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Year 9

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Year 9 Curriculum Overview: In Spring term, students will be putting all their musical skills and knowledge into a final music tech project. Students will be exploring Electronic Dance Music and they will learn to create their own EDM dance track. Students will also be expected to demonstrate more independence in researching musical elements and taking ownership of their instrument practice.

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9-1/Pm	SIA	Notation - major and minor keys, and chord symbols - Notation - Eduqas - GCSE Music Revision - Eduqas - BBC Bitesize Read through the article about major and minor keys and make notes. Continue to research electronic dance music and assess what you need to work on with you EDM track on Charanga.
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