

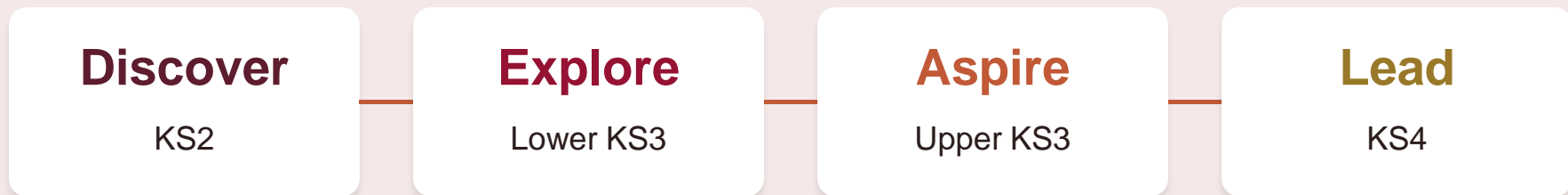
Music

Sequence of Learning

A Visual Roadmap Through Key Stages

Learning Journey Overview

Progressive development across key stages



Three Core Themes woven throughout each stage

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Foundation elements that develop throughout the curriculum

Rhythm

Building timing, pulse awareness, and complex rhythmic patterns from simple beats to advanced independence

Melody

Developing understanding of pitch, notes, and musical theory from basic melodies to harmony and chord progressions

World Music

Exploring instruments, styles, and technology from sound awareness to music production and professional industry skills

DISCOVER

Key Stage 2 - Building foundations for musical development

Rhythm & Pulse

Identifying pulse, playing patterns, exploring tempos and backbeat through clapping and creating simple chants

Notes

Learning the musical alphabet, natural notes, pitch awareness, and call & response songs

Instruments

Exploring sounds, instrument families, creating instruments, and understanding how sounds are produced

EXPLORE

Lower KS3 - Developing independence and skills

Simple Rhythms

Reading, playing and notating basic rhythms, unison and choral playing, exploring tempos and dynamics

Melodies

Understanding all piano notes, accidentals, melody construction, notation, and composition skills

Styles

Linking instruments to musical styles, exploring genres, history, emotions, and developing listening skills

ASPIRE

Upper KS3 - Building creativity and advanced techniques

Complex Rhythms

Mastering triplets, samba rhythms, ostinatos, and developing rhythmic independence through composition

Harmony

Understanding chords, ditone, tritone, progressions, and applying harmony in songs and compositions

Technology

Exploring coding, producing, recording, programming, editing, and digital composition techniques

LEAD

Key Stage 4 - Professional skills and career readiness

Responding to a Music Brief

Planning, managing constraints, reviewing work quality, presenting outcomes, and developing professional career habits

Music Skills & Development

Building professional transferable skills, technical and musical expertise, and industry communication

Music Product & Styles

Identifying, explaining, comparing and creating styles, understanding musical evolution, structures and industry products

Progressive Development

How learning deepens across key stages

Foundation

KS2

Identify, explain, describe
basic musical elements

Development

KS3

Suggest, recognize,
manage musical concepts

Mastery

Upper KS3

Assess, demonstrate,
create complex works

Confidence

KS4

Apply professional skills
and industry standards

Continuous growth from basic awareness to confident, independent musicianship

Empowering Musicians

Through progressive music education

Building confident, creative, and skilled musicians ready for performance,
composition, and careers in the music industry