



SWGS KS3 READING LIST: MUSIC

The purpose of this reading list is to encourage students to read, enjoy and learn beyond the taught curriculum. You can use the resources here to support and to enrich your learning.

General Understanding of Music

A Young Person's Guide to Music by Neil Ardley
Music: A Very Short Introduction by Nicholas Cook

Music Theory & Composition

Learning to Read Music by Peter Nickol
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Songwriting by Joel Hirschhorn

Instruments

Orchestra! By Jan Younghusband
Soundbites – Brass by Roger Thomas
Soundbites – Percussion by Roger Thomas
Soundbites – Strings by Roger Thomas
Soundbites – Woodwind by Roger Thomas
The Illustrated Book of Music Instruments by Max Wade-Matthews

Music in Context

20th Century Music, Various Titles by Malcolm Hayes
The Penguin Dictionary of Musical Performers by Arthur Jacobs

Other Useful Resources

Remember that wider 'reading' in Music also involves **listening** to music! Try these ideas:

- Play a song that you like on a streaming platform and then see what it recommends you listen to next – you might find something new that you like!
- Whenever you listen to any piece of music, ask yourself questions about it like the ones we use in class, e.g. what instruments can you hear, what is the emotion of the piece?
- Watch live performances of orchestras playing, e.g. the BBC Proms – this will help you to learn more about instruments and how they are used.