

Music Band Program

1-hour class every week

Only for JAC4 graduates and up (RCM grade 6 and up)

1. **Music Band Playing** – This course will give students the opportunity to play together in a band and learn how to play the different instrument parts of the band, such as guitar, bass guitar, drums, wind instruments, brass instruments and of course piano or keyboard. Playing your favourite jazz and pop music in an ensemble is always fun and allows you to listen and communicate with other members of the band.
2. **Music Styles: Jazz, Pop and Rock** – This course will teach students to play different types of Jazz, pop and rock music styles. Students will learn how to incorporate all these genres and learn a whole arsenal of what music has to offer. It will help students improve their ear, musical knowledge and to improve their feel when playing any type of music. This course is for anyone who wants to learn to play more various musical styles.
3. **Arranging Music for the Rhythm Section** – This course will go over how to write and arrange music for the rhythm section. This includes, arranging for a whole band (Piano, Bass, Guitar and Keyboard parts as well as the brass section). The student will be able to analyze band sheet music, write drum notation, write notation for other instruments such as; keyboards or guitar and learn how to use auto accompaniment on the keyboard.

4. **Jazz Improvisation** – This course will introduce students to the art of improvisation. Improvisation is one of the most important concepts regarding the structure of Jazz music. It is the creating of melodic solo's, that fit with the chord progression of the Jazz composition. Students will learn how to create their own melodic solo lines that they can incorporate in Jazz tunes as well as to understand the chord progression in which they will create their solos. This course will also teach students to create solos on the spot, meaning they do not write down the solo beforehand.

5. **Jazz Chord Construction** – This course will teach students to practice and learn how chords are constructed in Jazz music. They will incorporate chord progressions and major and minor scales to the basis of the chord structure. In addition, students will learn about major or minor third chords, as well as harmonic progressions using intervals such as; 9ths, 11ths, and 13ths and quarto chords. Also, students will learn how jazz chords are noted and the symbols that represent the jazz chords.