

Suggested activities for year 8 pupils in music. March 2020.

Dear all, I really enjoyed all our last lessons where you were introduced to a classic piece of “Britpop” music. I chose “Wonderwall” by Oasis for you to perform because of the chord sequences but also because I hoped many of you would have heard this before! So many of you said parents played it to you!!

During these next few weeks it is a great opportunity for you to find out more about the music that your parents, friends and families and maybe grandparents enjoyed when they were your age.

As many of us are isolated and without our usual social contacts it is a wonderful opportunity to communicate online, use the phone and talk together whilst still keeping safe.

Task one

I would like everyone to interview two older people about the music that they enjoyed as teenagers, to ask questions and to present their answers as a newspaper article which could be displayed at school.

Sample questions could include the following :

Did you have a favourite group or genre as a teenager or was there a solo artist whose music you followed?

If so, did you copy their dress or hair styles?

Did you ever go to see them perform live?

How did you listen to the music you enjoyed?

Did you buy tapes or CDs or even vinyl?

Do you still listen to their music now?

Do you remember any music videos from that time?

Do you enjoy music today or do you prefer to listen to the music you enjoyed when you were younger?

Create a play list of their top 10 tunes.

Hints and tips

Do not accept any one word answers!

Listen to the music that is suggested!

This could lead to many hours of amazing listening. Please enjoy this activity.

Task 2

Write a second article about the music you enjoy with a top ten playlist.