

Progression Overview

You can start with any musical style, and then move on to any other style.

Drums for Schools class teaching sets can form the backbone of your progression strategy. Each set includes enough resources for 5-6 terms of learning, and by adding several different styles you'll have enough material for a 5 year progression.

The instruments and teaching resources in each set provide opportunities for all three types of musical progression: linear, depth and breadth. An incremental approach allows pupils to gradually take on more complex tasks, deepen their technical and musical skill, and transfer these skills across a broad range of musical styles.

African Djembe Drumming

- Great starting style, popular with all age groups
- Highly inclusive and accessible
- Durable instruments, quick and easy lesson set-up
- ££ Low cost - from £25 per player
- Scope for 5+ years progression

KS1 to KS5+

World Percussion

- Inclusive and accessible starting style for all age groups
- Mixes well with other musical styles
- Builds musicianship and teamworking skills
- £ Very low cost - from £10 per player
- Easy progression to any other musical style

KS1 to KS5+

Japanese Taiko

- For KS2 upwards and popular with everyone
- An intensive musical and physical workout
- Great for teamwork and self-confidence
- ££££ Higher cost - from £150 per player
- Spectacular performance experience for players and audience

KS2 to KS5+

Brazilian Samba

- Great for KS2-5 parades and summer
- Highly rhythmic and exciting
- Interacting parts develop teamworking
- ££ Low cost - from £30 per player
- Progression to other styles and classical

KS2 to KS5+

Caribbean Steel Pans

- Very popular style with all age groups
- Mixes with tuned percussion, pop and classical
- Covers melody as well as rhythm
- £££ Medium cost - from £60 per player
- Western Scale, so easy progression to classical and to full size pans

KS1 to KS5+

Indonesian Gamelan

- Great for all age groups from KS1 to KS5
- Very inclusive and develops teamwork
- Broadens musical and cultural horizons
- £££ Medium cost - from £60 per player
- A totally different sound-world

KS1 to KS5+

