



Year 7 Music: Drumline

Key Information

The **Top Secret Drum Corps** are a famous ensemble who use incredible ensemble skill, impressive playing, and complex tricks to exemplify the **drum line** genre. Their level of ensemble is incredible!

Working as part of an **ensemble** is an important part of being a musician at St. Ivo, developing **timing** and **listening skills**.



Keyword	Meaning
Drumline	A line formation of percussion instruments. These can be part of marching bands which are for entertainment or competition.
Ensemble	Making music together, as part of a group
Off beat	Musical events which happen in between the beats.
Rhythm	Patterns of long and short sounds in music.
Syncopation	Rhythms with some off beat emphasis.
Snare Drum	A percussion instrument. Wires are held under tension against the lower skin, producing a sharp staccato sound when struck with a stick.

Analysis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7jsVsUNWsM>

Watch The Top Secret Drum Corps perform. How many different tricks can you see? Comment on their timing and ensemble skill. What would you try to include in your own drum line?!

Stretch and Challenge – improve your timing!

Good timing is a vital part of playing well in an ensemble – follow this great youtube tutorial on how to improve your musical timing.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlzLXr7xecY>

M	A	D	T	S	H	I	R	T
Melody	Articulation	Dynamics	Tempo	Structure	Harmony	Instruments	Rhythm	Texture
The main tune	How the music is played	The volume of the music	The speed of the music	The sections of the music and their order	The chords used	What instruments are used and the sound produced	The patterns of sounds with the beat	Layers of music – how many and what each does