Subject: Music	Year 8		Course Outline	e 2023 - 2024	
Autumn 1 (6 Weeks)	Autumn 2 (6 Weeks)	Spring 1 (6 Weeks)	Spring 2 (6 Weeks)	Summer 1 (6 Weeks)	Summer 2 (6 Weeks)
What are we studying? (Big idea/question(s))					

Year 8: Development of performing and composing skills.

This will be studied through the following strands:

Listening/appraising/Contextual: Introduction to the Baroque period and Blues. Listening and appraisal including contextual understanding **Performing**: Paired and whole class performing

Composing: Exploring composition in a style, using technology

Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study
Musical patterns Performing; Exploring ostinato- Mission Impossible Composing/sequencing:	Musical patterns; Performing; Exploring Chords -broken chords and inversions- Moonlight Sonata	Music for video games Performing; Various gaming themes Composing: Composing incidental music	The Blues Performing; Performing chords Walking bass Improvisation	Dance music Composing; Composition an EDM piece using Garageband	Popular music- Performing; Class ensemble- pop song
Ground Bass- Pachelbel's Canon	Chord sequences- Class ensemble	to accompany a game clip	Composing; Blues piece as a group		

Why are we studying this? (skills, purpose or progression)

The aim is to provide students with the tools of music- Composing performing and listening/appraising. These skills are needed throughout KS3 and underpin the GCSE music course. All units directly progress form Year 7.

Composing; The ultimate	Chords underpin much	Composing; The ultimate	Contextual understanding	Composing; The ultimate	Performing; ensemble
way of exploring how	music composition.	way of exploring how	Fundamental to most	way of exploring how	performing.
music works 30%		music works. 30%	modern pop music.	music works. 30%	Resilience, confidence,
	Ensemble performing.	weighting in KS4.	Improvisation builds	weighting in KS4.	teamwork.
weighting in KS4	30% weighting at KS4.	Fastest growing area of	confidence and is	Popular composing style	30% weighting at KS4.
		the music industry.		with students in KS4	

Performing 30%	Resilience, confidence,		fundamental to successful		
weighting in KS4.	teamwork.		composition.		
Developing knowledg	le for				
both performing and					
composing. Teamwork					
Learning features of operiod in musical history					
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Builds performance s		Manor programme music	from HT2. Builds on	composing work.	performing work
for next units whilst	also keyboard skills in Y7	style composing in Y7.	Gamelan music from Y7		
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composing skills/too	Builds on first ensemble		Introduces improvisation		
(ostinato/ground base	1 at the end at V7		as a performing/		
etc)			composing tool		
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			ensemble at the end of		
			Y7.		
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				Links to future units?	Links to future units?
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ensemble Y8	-All future performance		-All future performance		
-Blues Y8	and work	-EDM composing Y8	work		

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-All future performance		-All future composing			
and composing work		work			
		How will this b	e assessed?		
Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study	Listening/appraisal/ contextual study
Paired performances of Mission Impossible	Informal assessment of Beethoven's Moonlight	Paired composition based on a video game clip	Variety of class performances.	Paired composition based on EDM features and	Whole class performance assessment
Class performance of Canon. Sequences performance of Canon. Parts are on a sliding scale of difficulty.	Class performance of a pop song (eg Let it Be) Opportunities for a variety of instruments to		Individual opportunities to improvise. Assessment based on KS4 strands of accuracy and expression.	characteristics.	based on criteria of accuracy and expression.
Opportunities for a variety of instruments to be used.	be used.				
Online listening quiz in testing knowledge and musicianship as well as key word retrieval.					

RWCM	Frequent discussion and oracy work, Contents of lyrics, use of technology, pronunciation of Baroque and Blues terms and composers. Further key terminology work	
Extra-curricular experiences	Access to full range of performance extra curricular activities	

V	Careers Links	Link to media, drama, history (the Blues) dance music industry through technology	
	Independent Learning	Independent parts in all units- students can explore and rehearse their part individually. Paired work to create compositions.	
	Essential Equipment	Basic school equipment (Black pen, Green pen, Pencil, Ruler, Rubber), keyboards, macs	

