

Music Department Year 7 Curriculum and Assessment Map

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Foundations of Music	Music and Mood	Blues and Jazz
Fundamental Knowledge	Reading of western notation in both treble and bass clef. Instrumental technique (keyboard/Ukulele) and regular rehearsal and opportunities to develop. Learning to read a score and follow a musical part. Knowledge of the musical elements and their associated Italian terms focussing on pitch, melody, harmony, instruments and their orchestral families, dynamics, tempo, rhythm and note durations, identifying pulse and tonality. Knowledge of prominent composers and their works e.g. Benjamin Britten's The	Exploring composers and their works e.g. Saint Seans Carnival of the Animals, Gustav Holst's The Planets. Broadening the student's knowledge of prominent composers and exposure to different genres of music. Understanding how music is composed and how the elements music are manipulated for specific effect. Further development of score reading and following a musical part. Ability to group instruments according to their instrumental families demonstrating knowledge of pitch and recognise them aurally by their distinctive sonority. Knowledge of instrumental techniques including tremolo, pizzicato, con arco, con sordini, flutter tongued etc and how they are used for effect.	Students will rehearse and learn a musical part (keys, guitar or drum kit) and perform alongside others in a Blues Band ensemble performance. Students will learn how to improvise using the blues scale. Students will understand musical features of Blues and Jazz music including instrumentation, syncopation, chord structure and improvisation etc. They will also appreciate the historical events that enabled this musical style to become so embedded in our western popular music.

Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra and Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf.

-Understanding of the term treble clef and how each line and space correlates to a corresponding letter of the musical alphabet.

Understanding of middle C and its placement on the treble clef and the keyboard.

- Understanding of the term chord and its subsequent terms triad chord, major chord, minor chord and broken chord.
- Understanding the term rhythm and how to differentiate it from a pulse.
- Understanding of the term melody.
- Understanding of the term fluency.
- Understanding the term performance.
- -Understanding of the musical alphabet and how this relates to the keys of the keyboard.
- -Understanding of the term tempo and its subsequent terms adagio/lento, andante/moderato, allegro and presto.
- -Understanding of the term dynamics and its subsequent terms forte, piano, crescendo and diminuendo.
- Understanding of the term tonality and how to differentiate between major and minor.
- -Understanding of the term duration and its subsequent terms minim, semibreve, crotchet, quaver and semiquaver.

How to compose using the musical elements effectively. Knowledge of key signatures (C major and A minor) scales and chords, time signatures and how to create diatonic music within these frameworks.

- Understanding of the term instrumentation.
- Developing knowledge of terminology from term 1 through exploration and application of tempo, pitch, rhythm, tonality etc. in their own pieces of music. Understanding of the terms mood and atmosphere.
- Understanding the term texture and its subsequent terms homophonic, polyphonic and unison.
- Understanding of the term structure and subsequent terms binary and ternary.
- Understanding of the term contrasting.
- Understanding of the term controlled.
- Understanding of the term ensemble.
- Understanding of the term choir.
- Understanding of the term solo.
- Understanding of the term duet.
- Understanding of the term trio.
- Understanding the term composer.
- Understanding the term composition.

Further development of recognising musical elements and their application in a different musical genre.

- Understanding of the term band.
- Understanding of the term drum kit and subsequent terms snare drum, hi-hat, bass drum, floor tom, crash symbol.
- Understanding of the term Blues music, its historical context and its musical development.
- Understanding of the term loop.
- Understanding of the term walking bass.
- Understanding of the term 12 bar blues.
- Understanding of the term syncopation.
- Understanding of the term communication.
- Ability to recognise C major, F major and G major triad chords and their placement on the keyboard.
- Exploring lyric writing to a given melody.
- The ability to give written responses to music with confidence and clarity using appropriate musical terminology.
- Ability to discuss the Blues and its musical features.

- Understanding of the terms sharps, flats, naturals, key signatures and accidentals.
- Understanding of the stave and direction and placement of notes and how this relates to the pitch.
- Understanding the term dictation. Understanding of the terms bars and bar lines.
- -Understanding of notated music and how to locate the following:
 - Clef
 - Time signature
 - Key signature
 - Bar lines (repeat bar)
 - Ledger lines
 - Dynamic markings
 - Tempo markings/performance directions
 - Duration of notes
 - Accidentals
- An understanding of how to use appropriate vocabulary effectively to explain and describe the music heard.
- Ability to use terminology correctly and in context when describing music.
- Ability to interpret questions targeting specific features of music and respond accordingly.

- Ability to distinguish blues music from other styles of music based on its stylistic features.
- Ability to give written comparisons between different styles of music using a culmination of vocabulary covered in all three terms.
- To be able to read from a score and locate musical markings as directed.

Learning Checkpoint Tasks	Performance progress check (RAG) Reading notation/keys of the keyboard/ Ukulele chords written task	Composition progress check (RAG) Venus the Bringer of Peace – Listening Assessment task	Ensemble performance progress check (RAG) The Thrill is Gone – Listening task, recognising stylistic elements
Common Assessment Task	CA1: Performance Assessment Music Theory Assessment – Trust	CA2: Composition Assessment Music Theory Assessment – Trust	Blues Band Performance Listening and Appraising Paper
Mock Exam (if applicable)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interleaved Knowledge	Knowledge of the elements of music and aural recognition of how they are being manipulated. Performance development, including technique, fluency, co-ordination.	Knowledge of the elements of music and aural recognition of how they are being manipulated for effect. Performance development, including technique, fluency, co-ordination to realise composition.	Knowledge of the elements of music and aural recognition of how they are being manipulated. Performance development, including technique, fluency, co-ordination, balance and awareness of how parts communicate within an ensemble.