

Year 8 Curriculum Overview Plan: Music

Sequence 1 Just Play - Chords in various keys.	Sequence 2 Composing - riffs, chord sequences and melody. (COVID-19 Recovery SCHEME OF WORK)	Sequence 3 Film Music SOLO PERFORMANCE	Sequence 4 World Music. Composing in different genres.	Sequence 5 Sequencing music – v2
Key Theme: Students learn how to sing, play keyboard and guitar. The class will learn a range of chords and rhythms during this SCHEME OF WORK in various keys.	Key Theme: The project focuses on compositional devices used within pop songs. Students have missed all their composition topics therefore we have created this SCHEME OF WORK especially for the year.	Key Theme: Students will develop their solo performance skills through Film and Musical Film music.	Key Theme: Reggae/African Drumming/Music from India.	Key Theme: This project builds on year 8, unit 2 film music by composing using musical devices such as chromatic, dissonance and syncopation.
Instrumental Technique Recapping year 7 chords. Open guitar chords. Key signatures in G on the keyboard.	Instrumental Technique Keyboard: 2 hands together performing bass line and melody. Guitar – using open chords from the last unit.	Instrumental Technique Keyboard: Correct finger position, 2 hands together (bass or chords), reading the notes on the treble clef, moving between hand positions.	Instrumental Technique Consolidation of African Drumming technique from year 7.	Instrumental Technique Sequencing. Editing audio. Using effects.



		Guitar – fluent TAB melody over numerous strings.	Syncopated chords, bubble organ and ska stroke. Improvising using scales/rag.	
Vocal Work Continuing performing solo/unison melodic lines.		Vocal Work Rebuild confidence in singing unison. Vocalising assessment pieces. Year 9 – Vocal Work – Solo performance, expression, diction, pitching.	Vocal Work Call & Response Improvisation 4 part pieces.	Vocal Work Working with different textures.
Listening Halo – Beyoncé Tainted Love – Soft Cell		Listening Greatest Showman- Million Dreams.	Listening African Drumming – Trad. Reggae – Bob Marley (3 Little Birds). Rag – Ravi Shankar	Listening A range of Trap, Dubstep and Techno music.
N.C 1,3	N.C 2,4,5	N.C 1,3,4,5,	N.C 1,2,3,4,5,6	N.C 2,3,4,5,6



Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Perform major triads in a range of keys on both keyboard and guitar. Start to understand how to compose a chord sequence.	Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Learning how use bandlab to compose a piece of music featuring 4 bar phrases, bass lines, drum-beats and triadic melody.	Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Understand the terms leitmotif and theme. Be able to describe or explain how certain musical devices create certain effects. Improve solo performance skills.	Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Compose using musical devices associated with specific genres.	Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Understand the various ways in which music is used within a range of computer and video games from different times.
Links to Prior Learning: This unit links directly to the chord unit in year 7 (unit 3)	Links to Prior Learning: Chord and melody knowledge, Instruments and their effects, U4/5 - Structuring compositions. Treble Clef Students may have used chords in the keyboard unit. Introduction of riffs.	Links to Prior Learning: Link to the instruments of the orchestra and recap of treble clef and bass clef notation.	Links to Prior Learning: Following on from music of China students now study a wide range of world music.	Links to Prior Learning: This unit links to unit 2 film music.
Key Assessment Pieces: 1) Guitar or keyboard record demonstrating chords/riffs. 2) Google forms chord quiz 2.	Key Assessment Pieces: 1) Chord and melody composition on bandlab.	Key Assessment Pieces: 1) Solo Performance on a chosen instrument.	Key Assessment Pieces: 1) Portfolio of compositions. 2) Listening quiz.	Key Assessment Pieces: 1) Composition using bandlab. 2) End of unit listening quiz.



	2) Listening to pop			
	songs.			
Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: Chords, warm-ups, breathing techniques, rests, 1,2 and 4 beat notes, crotchet, minim, semi- breve, key signature. (Keyword knowledge depends on the class ability)	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: VERSE CHORUS STRUCTURE, PERFORMANCE SKILLS, HOOK, RIFF, CHORD STRUCTURES, MELODY, COMPOSITION, BASS CLEF.	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: Keywords associated with dynamics, tempo, expression. Keywords associated with accuracy and technical performance	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: POLYPHONIC RHYTHMS, SKANKING, RAGA INDIAN, GAT, STRUCTURE, IMPROVISATION.	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: Dissonance Consonance Theme Leitmotif Harmony
Reading Exposure: Exam questions. Reading rhythms. Reading notation.	Reading Exposure: Pop song context. Composer biographies.	Reading Exposure: Film Music composer context.	Reading Exposure: Traditions context. Instruments. Research.	
Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Recapping unit 1 and 2	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Embedding knowledge from unit 1 by composing	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Low stakes bass clef and	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory:	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Access to G.C at home. Access to bandlab at home.
knowledge. Linking learning to prior units. Use of songs with similar chord sequences.	a piece of music using chords.	treble clef quiz. Solo performance mock rehearsal.	Low stakes quizzes and performances.	recess to bandiab at nome.



Building upon these chords. Using these chords in different ways through		
composition tasks.		