

Year 9 Curriculum Overview Plan: Music

Sequence 1 Blues Performance (8- 9 Bridging Unit)	Sequence 2 Composing accompaniment and melody (COVID-19 recovery Scheme of work)	Sequence 3 Film Music SOLO PERFORMANCE	Sequence 4 World Music. Composing in different genres.	Sequence 5 Cover Song Variations
Key Theme: The project focuses on typical devices used in blues music with a focus on walking bass, 7th chords and improvisation. There is an emphasis on covering a song in a blues style.	Key Theme: Students have gaps in their composition and listening skills. We have identified this during the Blues topic.	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 uses the topics we have previously studied across KS3 to compose a cover song using musical devices, instrumentation and the elements of music associated with a specific genre.
N.C 1,2,3,4,5,6 Instrumental Skills Performing walking bass in left hand.	N.C 1,2,3,4,5,6 Instrumental Skills Bandlab – inputting notes, using automation,	N.C 1,3,4,5, Instrumental Technique Keyboard: Correct finger position, 2	N.C 1,2,3,4,5,6 Instrumental Technique Consolidation of African Drumming	N.C 1,2,3,4,5,6



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Performing 7 th	composing a melody,	hands together (bass	technique from year	
chords.	automation.	or chords), reading	7.	
Improvising using the		the notes on the	Syncopated chords,	
Blues scale.		treble clef, moving	bubble organ and ska	
		between hand	stroke.	
		positions.	Improvising using	
			scales/rag.	
		Guitar – fluent TAB		
		melody over		
		numerous strings.		
Vocal Work	Vocal Work	Vocal Work	Vocal Work	
Melisma	Focus on sequencing.	Rebuild confidence in	Call & Response	
Singing with		singing unison.	Improvisation	
expression using		Vocalising	4 part pieces.	
growl and differing		assessment pieces.		
dynamics.				
		Yr 9 – Vocal Work –		
		Solo performance,		
		expression, diction,		
		pitching.		
Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	
Eric Clapton – Sweet	EDM genres as	Greatest Showman.	African Drumming –	
Home Chicago	appropriate to the		Trad.	
Buddy Guy -Buddy's	compositions of the		Reggae – Bob Marley	
Boogie.	class.		(3 Little Birds).	
Muddy Waters – a			Rag – Ravi Shankar	
range of songs.				



Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Be able to perform using specific Blues techniques. Show understanding of the 12 bar blues genre and prepare us to compose a cover song.	Key Concepts, Knowledge & Skills to be Embedded: Compose different accompaniment patterns. Compose a melody using a sequence. Compose a melody using a minor scale Structure a song using binary, ternary or pop song structure. Listen to a range of folk songs with increasing discrimination.	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: Composing using specific musical devices.
Links to Prior Learning: This topic builds on numerous units from years 7 and 8 including African Drumming, pop	Links to Prior Learning: This topic aims to fill gaps in student's composition skills due to them being missed in year 8.	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 brings together a range of skills from both performance and composition.



music, chords and treble clef. Key Assessment Pieces: Blues composition and performance.	Key Assessment Piece: Bandlab accompaniment and melody composition. Folk Music listening quiz.	Key Assessment Pieces: Solo Performance on a chosen instrument.	Key Assessment Pieces: Portfolio of compositions. Listening quiz.	Key Assessment Pieces: Recording of a cover song.
Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: Chords, 7th chords, walking bass, syncopation, call & response, melody and accompaniment.	Tier 3 Vocabulary Vault: Broken chords, comping pattern, um-cha, pedal note, conjunct, disjunct, sequence, ternary, binary.	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: COVER SONG, THEME AND VARIATION, RETROGRADE, INVERSION, RETROGRADE INVERSION,
Reading Exposure History of the Blues. Blues research.		Reading Exposure: Film Music composer context.	Reading Exposure: Traditions context. Instruments. Research.	Reading Exposure: Composer context.



Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Low stakes quiz. Theory into practical. Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Listening using keywords at the start of every lesson.	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Low stakes bass clef and treble clef quiz. Solo performance mock rehearsal.	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: Do it nows Low stakes quizzes and performances.	Strategies to enable new concepts, knowledge & skills to embed in long-term memory: This unit will build week on week to ensure knowledge is embedded through DINS, low stakes performances and quizzes.
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