## Curriculum Map: Year: 8 Subject: Music



Year 8 2024-2025

Topic	Key Knowledge What will all students KNOW by the end of the topic?	Key Skills What key skills will be learnt/developed by the end of the topic? What will all students be able to DO by the end of the topic?	Assessment Opportunities What are the key pieces of assessment? How will students be assessed?
EDM	<ul> <li>All students will:</li> <li>Understand the musical conventions of EDM.</li> <li>Understand the terms DAW, EDM and MIDI.</li> <li>Understand the basic elements of harmony, the purpose of chord inversions and harmonic rhythm.</li> <li>Further knowledge of compositional techniques by creating an EDM-style piece of music.</li> <li>Gain further understanding of musical texture and layering.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:</li> <li>Use a simple DAW to compose their own music.</li> <li>Manipulate midi data to correct mistakes.</li> <li>Create music with more rhythmic interest.</li> <li>Create a bass line using root notes of the chord.</li> <li>Voice chords to make more musical sense, using inversions.</li> </ul>	Complete an EDM composition of their own using DAW.
Patterns and structures	<ul> <li>All students will:         <ul> <li>Develop an understanding of three common musical forms from the western classical tradition: binary, ternary and rondo form.</li> <li>Further knowledge of musical notation and the melodic device of sequence.</li> <li>Gain ensemble skills in both composition and performance using Rondo form.</li> <li>Develop their knowledge of emotive writing in music.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:         <ul> <li>Identify musical structures by ear.</li> <li>Perform music from notation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use the musical elements to compose music to fit a given stimulus.</li> <li>Create an ascending or descending sequence based on a given melody.</li> </ul>	Compose and perform a piece of music in Rondo form as a class.     Smaller groups will be responsible for composing their own episode within the piece.

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Film Music	<ul> <li>All students will:         <ul> <li>Understand the role and importance of music in films.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Recognise how compositional techniques, instrumentation and musical elements affect the mood of films.</li> <li>Understand how composers, directors and producers work together to create film.</li> <li>Further knowledge of DAW technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:         <ul> <li>Identify the different roles and responsibilities given to people who contribute to making films.</li> <li>Identify and make use of techniques and conventions used to affect mood in different genres of film.</li> <li>Build on knowledge of DAW technology, including sequencing, automation, use of stereo field and creative effects.</li> <li>Build on compositional skills using chords, writing an effective melody</li> <li>Continue to develop keyboard skills using midi keyboards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Compose a piece of music to accompany a film clip.
The Blues	<ul> <li>All students will:         <ul> <li>Gain an understanding of the historical context which brought blues music to being</li> </ul> </li> <li>Develop their basic keyboard skills further using typical blues structures</li> <li>Develop the ability to read notation, rhythm and learning notes on the keyboard</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:         <ul> <li>Comment on the history of the blues from its roots to its development into a popular style.</li> <li>Listen and recognise the blues style and key artists.</li></ul></li></ul>	All students will:  • Perform a 12-bar blues and improvisation Listen to and critically comment on plues music, identifying key features
Music of Africa	<ul> <li>All students will:</li> <li>Know the cultural history of the African continent and some of its musical conventions</li> <li>Learn the key terms syncopation, polyrhythm, master drummer and ostinato and be able to demonstrate this practically</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:         <ul> <li>Develop ensemble skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>Develop their understanding of rhythm practically and aurally</li> <li>Perform African drumming music as a group</li> </ul>	Perform a piece of African drumming music in groups which clearly reflects the African style

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	Know the elements which make up a successful piece of African drumming music		
Arranging and remixing	<ul> <li>All students will:</li> <li>Know how the key elements which make up different styles of dance music such as House, Techno, Trance and Dubstep</li> <li>Understand the conventions of a remix</li> <li>Know how to enhance sound using creative effects</li> <li>Know how texture is used to develop dance music.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students should be able to:         <ul> <li>Use a more complex DAW to compose their own remix.</li> <li>Manipulate midi data to correct mistakes.</li> <li>Manipulate and add creative effects to recorded sound</li> </ul> </li> <li>Create music with more rhythmic interest.</li> <li>Select a style of dance music and emulate its characteristics</li> <li>Demonstrate practical understanding of Automation and Panning</li> </ul>	Create a remix of a given song in a chosen dance style

NB: Your lessons each term are taught on a rotation basis, dependant on the classroom and equipment available. For example, you may find you start with Spring term 2 before term 1.