CURRICULUM SUMMARY - MUSIC

YEAR 7

TERM 2	TERM 3
CONTENT	CONTENT
Instruments od the Orchestra	Rhythm and metre – introduction to rhythmic units and their
Vocal textures - extended listening examples to illustrate	application.
vocal textures in all genres and styles of music.	Layered rhythmic textures
	Keyboard skills – introduction of staff notation
ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSMENTS
Extended project exploring instruments of the orchestra	Rhythm test and rhythmic dictation.
Independent research	Group performance of layered rhythmic textures
Interviewing a musician as part of research	Independent work and assessment of keyboard skills through
Group composition and performance of Vocal textures	individual work progression in keyboard booklet
Listening test on vocal textures	
HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING
Assist with orchestral project – encourage student to listen	Encourage discussion of musical ideas that students are learning
to a range of musical instruments on CD, YouTube	in class and encourage students to take up private instrumental
	tuition offered by the school, if they are interested
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YEAR 8

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Variation in music	Ostinatos in music – rhythmic and melodic	Musical Futures – a nationwide schools project based on
Range of musical examples both played by teacher, CD and	Chordal ostinatos	independent group music making where students create their
you tube to embed ideas of Variation in music	Extended project on Variations – PP by students based on a	own version of a popular song through listening and copying
Extensive classroom discussion and sharing of ideas.	comparison of 2 cover songs, using the Elements of music as	/adapting the original song.
	the basis for comparison	This project encourages ear training, leadership skills and
		group work.
ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSMENTS
Group work on variation form based on Frere Jaques	Students create and perform their own ostinato	Songs and performances are assessed on an ongoing process
Test on vocabulary associated with Variation techniques.	performances	through the use of log books and recorded evidence to chart
	Presentation of Variation PP	progress.
		Final performances are recorded and assessed.
HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING
Encourage discussion of musical ideas that student are	Parents can encourage their sons/daughters to research their	Encourage discussion of musical ideas that students are
learning in class and encourage students to take up private	PP presentations, ensuring that they understand the criteria.	learning in class and encourage students to take up private
instrumental tuition offered by the school, if they are		instrumental tuition offered by the school, if they are
interested		interested

YEAR 9 OPTIONS YEAR

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
CONTENT OPTIONS YEAR Students do extended work on chord progressions and how they relate to the building blocks of MELODY writing Students develop an understanding and application of basic harmonic progressions and extended harmony to include passing notes Students refine their understanding of the 32 bar Song genre Students work in groups to create a song Students learn what makes a good memorable melody including hooks and riffs-Chorus and Verse	CONTENT SHOW ME YOUR SKILL This is a project in which students have the opportunity to become teachers and leaders as they share their knowledge and experience of their instrument with other students in the class. This collaborative unit of work results in students sharing and exchanging knowledge and learning the basics of another instruments The groups/students perform for each other and share their experiences of teaching and learning	CONTENT SOUNDSCAPES – EXPLORING FILM MUSIC COMPOSITION Students embark on a Unit of work dedicated to the art of composing for Film. They learn how to create atmosphere, how through the medium of music, to change an atmosphere They understand the LEITMOTIF and its use in Film music They create music using the MICKEY MOUSING. Technique They then compose music to a silent film
ASSESSMENTS Understanding of chords Notation reading skills Harmony and extended harmony	ASSESSMENTS Creating a plan for teaching your skill Understanding how to build up a language for learning Learning how to create progress in learning Preparing for a performance	ASSESSMENTS Composition – ongoing development of ideas and exploration of different genres in FILM Composition based on Mickey mousing techniques connected to cartoons Learning and performing famous leitmotifs Composition skills connected with the FILM genre
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YEAR 10 EDUQAS GCSE

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Composition	Students perform their SOLO pieces and are assessed
students begin their first composition and create a clear	according to the EDUQAS GCSE criteria
composition plan and structure.	
Work is ongoing	Composition students begin their first composition and
Students begin applying the Elements of §music to their	create a clear composition plan and structure.
listening using the EDUQAS listening assessments and	Work is ongoing
material	Students begin applying the Elements of §music to their
Students begin to analyze their FIRST set work – BACH BADINERIE and learn about DIATONIC harmony	listening using the EDUQAS listening assessments and material
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Performance – students present their solo performance/s	Performance – students preparing for final recording of their solo pieces.
_	Vocabulary and set work /listening tests.
·	Essay writing exercises/tests.
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YEAR 11 EDUQAS GCSE

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CONTENT Composition: Students now working on second composition. Revision of set works plus addition of 1 new set work AFRICA BY TOTO Students now explore GENRE across all 4 AOS in a more sophisticated manner Student refine their understanding and application of the Elements of Music Revision for end of term MOCKS Students prepare their SOLO recordings	CONTENT Completion and revision of set works Completion and recording of compositions Completion and recording of performances to include DUET performance Students write up their Composition logs according to the given criteria Past paper revision and experience Focus on areas of improvement and refinement Vocab Listening tasks short and long 10 marker question revision	CONTENT All course work completed and recorded Set work completion from Term 2 Past paper revision Composition logs completed
ASSESSMENTS Set work tests and listening. Performance assessments according to GCSE requirements	ASSESSMENTS Revision of set works – essay writing Listening tests. Vocab tests	ASSESSMENTS Revision of set works – essay writing Listening tests. Vocab tests
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YEAR 12 2024

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CONTENT AUTUMN TERM	CONTENT SPRING TERM	CONTENT SUMMER TERM
Fundamental theory skills, Listening and Composition	As Autumn term, with more of a focus on performance,	Revisiting Harmony Skills,
Exercises	developing essay writing	
Knowledge of treble and bass clef notation		Harmony skills – which notes to double, knowledge of
Primary chords I, IV, V	How to compose in Sonata form – what are the standard	consecutive 5ths/8ves, using inversion chords to create
 Chord extensions and how to recognise. 	conventions?	smoother instrumental and vocal lines.
Key signatures up to four sharps and flats and their	How can I develop melodies in a typically classical way?	Using stimuli in learning how to arrange music for
relative major/minors	What analysis skills can I bring from Bach to Clara	different groups of instruments.
Analysing melodies, texture aurally and from the page	Schumann.	
	How can I form a strong argument when writing about	Understanding which solo performance pieces will allow me to
Fusions of Western Classical Traditions with non-Western	music – musical element x3, it's effect and then a	score highly in performance.
Classical traditions	judgment.	,,,,,,
	Understand impressionist influences in Debussy	Further developed understanding of how Romantic music
Be able to write notation in treble and bass clef	Understand pop and jazz influence in Courtney Pine's	(Berlioz) is borne out of the Baroque and Classical
Be able to listen for shape of melodies and textures in	music.	traditions and Development of the Orchestra.
western classical music	How did Bernard Hermann create such evocative music	Understanding how Danny Elfman creates music to evoke
Exams and fusion and pop music.	with so few resources (just a string orchestra) and how is	different characters
	this effective.	3
Develop confidence in analysing music from a score (full and		Understanding of how to apply composition skills to arranging.
short score) and say how music is developed over the course		Onderstanding of now to apply composition skins to arranging.
of a set work.		
ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSMENTS
Theory quiz	Theory Quiz	
Mrs D's Harmony Course (Lessons 1-3)	Set work: Debussy Estampes	Set Work: Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique
Set Work: Bach Cantata No. 48 (Movement 1 and 8)	Set work: Continuing Clara Schumann	Set Work: Batman (Danny Elfman)
Set Work: Anoushka Shankar 'Breathing Under Water'	Set work: Courtney Pine: Back in the Day	Revisiting Mrs D's Harmony
Set Work: Clara Schumann: Piano Trio in G minor	Set work: Psycho (Bernard Hermann)	Stimuli for arrangements such as London's Burning and
	Examples of Sonata Form Composition	Folksong: 'Black is the colour of my true love's hair' - also
	Stimuli given to students such as piano sonatas played by staff	'My Bonnie lies over the ocean'
	and students to work in sonata form.	
HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING
Ensure that students know their Key knowledge skills	Ensure that student's study and analyze their set works and	Monitor Coursework progression
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World their coursework progression	syllabus	complete all homework tasks in accordance with Edexcel
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YEAR 13 2024

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CONTENT AUTUMN TERM	CONTENT SPRING TERM	CONTENT SUMMER TERM
Set work analysis, forming judgements & mock exams	As Autumn term, with more of a focus on forming judgements	Preparation for Listening & Appraising
Development of the Orchestra	& essay writing	Completion of arrangement task
Musical style of the early 20 th century	Completion of performance & composition coursework	
 Composition assessment criteria – features of a creative & imaginative composition. Recognising musical style of orchestral works Developing accurate aural skills Developing creative ideas in composition and how to develop them Develop confidence in analysing music from a score (full and short score) and forming judgements about its place in the musical canon 	 Finalising compositions – ensuring my ideas fully developed Finalising recital performances – ensuring my musicianship is communicated to the audience Features of each musical style (set work) that form a strong argument. 	Harmony skills – which notes to double, knowledge of consecutive 5ths/8ves, using inversion chords to create smoother instrumental and vocal lines. Using stimuli in learning how to arrange music for different groups of instruments. Understanding which solo performance pieces will allow me to score highly in performance.
	Musical style of mid 20th century	
ASSESSMENTS Performance assessment using Edexcel criteria • Set Work: Berlioz - Symphonie Fantastique (Wider Listening) • Set Work: Stravinsky - Rite of Spring • Set Work: Vaughan Williams – On Wenlock Edge • Set work: Bach Cantata – mvt 2	Set work: Saariaho - Petals for Violoncello and Live Electronics Set work: Beatles - Revolver Set work: Danny Elfman – Batman Returns Set work: Kate Bush - Hounds of Love Examples of Arrangements in preparation of release of exam paper.	Revision and practice listening questions on each set work Revisit stimuli for arrangements. Continuing to develop accurate aural skills Greater confidence in identifying features of each musical era and musical style
HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING Ensure that students continue to expand their Wider learning in order to answer the WL questions using exam criteria. Support ongoing work on composition and performance	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING Ensure that students continue to expand their Wider learning in order to answer the WL questions using exam criteria. Support ongoing work on composition and performance	HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT LEARNING Ensure that students work through passed papers in preparation for final exam Support completion of Composition coursework Monitor Performance practice