# Curriculum Progression Pathway

## MUSIC



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### Why is the study of Music important?

Music is a valuable subject for all to study whether you are a gifted musician or have never engaged in music outside of school. Music's place in your education has important wider benefits on personal and social development building your confidence, self-esteem, sense of achievement and ability to relate to others. The study of music is important because music is an important component of our human experience. Whether singing, playing, or listening, the study of music helps you listen and hear in new ways. Plato said that music "is a more potent instrument than any other for education". Music requires you to use both sides of your brain and develops your ability to think academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually. What would life be like with no music? Studying music can lead to your personal life time pursuit of music for your own personal enjoyment. Fill your life with the power of music.

Music is academic; it trains your brain for higher forms of thinking. Music can be physical and like any performance skill requires practice and rehearsal but it also promotes movement through rhythm and promotes health and well-being as it demands an emotional engagement. Music is an art form. We are emotional beings and your study of music from Year 7 will provide an artistic outlet and a vehicle for expression. Music is for life you may not be able to play an instrument but we can all feel uplifted by music. See it's study as a gift - you could have fun learning how to play in ensembles, experience the fast paced changes to music technology and perform. You will listen to musical compositions from a wide variety of genres from classical, different cultures and dance, to pop and film music.

### What skills will the study of Music teach you?

Music plays an important role in academy life both inside and outside of your lessons, developing a wide range of skills and opportunities to enjoy live music experiences and participate in music making in a range of genres. Why not get inspired and motivated to engage further with music through clubs, bands, choirs, performances and music instrumental lessons. Music will teach you to understand critical engagement (LISTENING), Expression (PERFORMING) Creation (COMPOSING)

- listen
- perform
- compose
- participate



collaborate

#### What will you know and understand from your study of Music?

From Year 7 you will be exposed to a wide variety of music genres from classical, cultural music, drumming and dance, to pop and film music. Across your music study you are encouraged to make connections through your music-making in order to place the music in context. You will develop your knowledge of music theory, relevant notations, traditions and skill based learning on guitar and keyboard which will ensure that you develop as musically literate individuals, capable of playing a musical instrument, with a solid understanding of the global importance of music and an ability to analyse and justify your opinions to enhance your critical understanding.

Technology plays an important role in supporting, extending and enhancing the teaching of music. You will find it interesting to use programmes that support your music making and this will inspire, motivate and stretch your engagement in music making.

If you have a specific interest in developing your talent for music and wish to work towards your graded examinations you will have the opportunity to take up music lessons on your chosen instrument be it guitar, drums, voice, brass or woodwind. We offer support with these lessons for any students choosing to study music for GCSE.

#### You will learn

- practical music skills
- composition
- notation
- aspects of music technology
- elements of performance
- cultural richness of music
- music history

#### How does your study of Music support your study in other subjects?

Study of any subject in our curriculum takes full advantage of links with other subject areas- we term these as interdisciplinary links and we make the most of them because we know that deep learning requires the transference of knowledge and skills from one topic of learning to another. Once you can transfer your learning across topics and subject areas then you are really mastering what you know and how to apply your understanding and skills.

Music touches and links to many of your other subjects and importantly your wider life experience. Music is an intrinsic part of our lives. Music can play an active part in developing cultural awareness and celebrating diversity and in this way it has strong links with Religious Education, Geography, Citizenship and our wider British values.

Music plays a significant role in creating an appropriate balance between work and play and positively affects our physical and mental wellbeing. It has strong connections to Physical Education, Dance and Drama and also complements the wider agenda of emotional health and wellbeing - it can help change the way we feel.

New technologies are transforming the way in which we work and learn in music and this creates strong links with ICT, Computer Science and Media Studies. Creativity and critical thinking is fostered by music study. It develops your capacity for original ideas and purposeful action. The development of musical knowledge through the key processes of performing, composing, listening, reviewing and evaluating contains many elements that could truly inspire your creativity. Here there are strong links to other creative subjects such as Art, Design Technology and English. In music you learn much about the notations of composers and the sounds made by musicians. You look at counting, rhythm, scales, intervals, patterns, symbols, harmonies, time signatures, overtones, tone and pitch. These are all connected to mathematics. Even tuning instruments rests in mathematics.

#### How can you deepen your understanding of Music?

You will have access to a wealth of exciting and rewarding extra-curricular opportunities to enhance your study of Music – a testament to the enthusiasm, passion and creativity of both staff and students of all year groups. Students engage in work with professional companies and artists that are brought into the academy to deliver workshops and performances. There are plenty of occasions to work with students from different year groups ensuring that music is a great way to build friendships and have fun. Why not join the enrichment clubs within the academy and give yourself the opportunity to show what you can do? The experience will develop your skills and confidence as you can take part in a variety of musical events be it summer concerts, carolling, choir or band or taking up opportunities to take part in high quality productions and performances both within your academy and across the Trust where appropriate. This has a tangible impact on your achievement and enjoyment of Music. In Music we aim to support the study of music with peripatetic music classes (these are funded for any students studying Music at GCSE). Why not get involved in our weekly music enrichments, which are aimed at developing your skills and interests so that you can showcase your work and develop your love of performance? From this, you can gain much-needed experience in rehearsing, time management and performance as well as benefiting from being involved in singing clubs and instrument ensembles on a more regular basis. There are plenty of other ways to be involved. We run various trips and events that allow you to watch quality music and theatre productions in different venues be they local or national theatres.

#### How are you assessed in Music?

Throughout the Music course you are assessed using the following assessment objectives which ensure that you can cumulatively build your subject understanding in preparation for future GCSE study. There are 3 assessment points each year that, in Key Stage 3, that we term Praising Stars©, In Key Stage 4 there are 5 assessment points in Year 10 and 11. We assess how you at your current stage of study are on track to reach your end of stage targets which are formulated on aspirational expectation from their KS2 starting points. We make an informed prediction from our holistic assessments based on our subject mapping of expectation across the Music curriculum.

#### **Key Assessment Objectives**

#### Performing: Playing and Singing

- Demonstrate fluency and accuracy on at least two instruments
- Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task
- Use appropriate musical notation when playing and singing
- Coordinate their musical role with other performer(s), considering timing and balance
- Include solos or moments of musical leadership in performance
- Make adjustments to facilitate musical interpretation and sensitive ensemble performance

#### **Creating: Composing and Improvising**

- Select appropriate sounds for solo or group compositions, making appropriate choices about instrumental forces and timbre
- Create compositions which make thoughtful use of the inter-related musical elements
- Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively
- Create music in more than one genre, evidencing melody development and rhythmic interest, making use of musical features and devices
- Refine ideas effectively, through improvisation, mutual evaluation and discussion
- Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices in curriculum topics

## **Critical engagement**

- Identify a variety of different instrument sounds and families
- Identify and comment on musical devices in a range of topics
- Recognise musical symbols and appropriate notation, demonstrating an ability to use these in performance
- Have a secure understanding of appropriate notations
- Evaluate the success of their own work and set realistic targets for improvement
- Explore the contexts and origins of a variety of different musical styles, genres and traditions

#### How can Music support your future?

We offer GCSE Music at KS4. Students can then continue their studies at local colleges, followed by University.

Music is offered at most prestigious universities either as a single honours or a joint honours subject studied alongside other disciplines. The very fact that you have been able to study creative thinking will help your future applications be they for colleges, universities, apprenticeships or employment.

Careers that the study of Music supports include:

Performers & Writers

- Recording
- The Record Industry
- Music Business
- Music Industry Touring
- Facility, Arena & Club management
- Film Music
- Music Journalism
- Music Education
- Public Relations & Advertising
- Radio & Television
- Symphony and Orchestra
- Music Health
- Music industry and merchandising
- Instrument work and development

| The Elements of Music & Rhythmic Notation  In this unit, students learn about Pitch, Dynamics, Duration, Tempo, Texture, Timbre or Sonority, Articulation and Silence and are introduced to Graphic Notation and Graphic Scores. It is hoped that this unit will develop student's | Hand Percussion  In this unit students will revisit rhythmic notation and take it to the next level.  They will learn several different rhythms in a  | How do I Play a Drum Kit and Dance Music  Students will revisit rhythmic notation via the drum kit. They will learn a variety of patterns as a class to develop   | AOS I: Forms & Devices/Performance Introduction to area of study I"Forms and Devices".  | Revisit AOI Forms & Devices in more depth. Performance continue. Composition 2 to be started.   |
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| Articulation and Silence and are introduced to Graphic Notation and Graphic Scores. It is hoped  | different rhythms in a  | · · ·   | <br>  |   |
|  | Manaha atula and lawan than   | their macro-motor coordination for both hands   | Listening: This is a classical unit that will introduce students to their first set   | Recognition of features of baroque, classical and   |
| understanding of the Elements of   | Mambo style and layer them on top of each other (known as "polyrhythmic").  | and feet. They will study a range of exercises and learn  | work, Badinerie by JS Bach.   | romantic periods. Revisit: imitation, pedal, canon, alberti bass, keys,   |
| Music and provide pupils with a foundation of musical vocabulary for use at Key Stage 3 which can be   | Once a class performance has been established with  | how to play along with some<br>famous songs, initially via<br>air-drumming and using sticks   | Composition connected to this area of study will be primary chords (I-IV-V),  | chords, dominant 7ths,<br>modulations and all harmonic<br>features, binary form,  |
| developed for GCSE Music.  | four different rhythms simultaneously, then   | on mats. Students will then have individual opportunities   | major scales, keys and modulation, classical and  | ternary form, minuet and trio, rondo, variations,   |
| <b>Djembe and Rhythms</b> Within our Element studies we will   | students will work in groups  | to perform on a drum kit.   | variations, binary, ternary   | strophic form.  |
| also use the Djembe (West African drum) as an introduction to  | of four with, in most cases, just one student per part.   | Dance music studies will connect with drumming and  | and rondo form. Techniques such as ostinato, broken chords and sequences.   | Commence work on Eduqas prescribed composition brief.   |
| rhythm and rhythmic notation.  Students will also learn how to produce different hand tones on the diamba, a range of African  | Singing Short singing tasks will take place throughout the term   | rhythmic studies. Students will take an explorative look into rhythm and metre in a   | Terminology will include: binary, ternary and rondo   | Specific composition technique lessons alongside review of marking criteria.  |
| patterns, the role of the Master Drummer (the "griot") and produce short performances of   | of the students.  | styles and genres of dance music.   | sequence, ostinato, dotted rhythms, conjunct and disjunct movement, broken  | Completion of a second free composition.  |
| traditional West African pieces.   |   | On the keyboards, students will explore how to elaborate a chord to make a  | chord/arpeggio, melodic and rhythmic motifs, simple chord progressions.   | Develop solo performance and ensemble skills.   |
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|              | Short singing tasks will take place throughout the term to help build the confidence of the students.   |  | specific dance, essentially "comping" in different styles.   |   | Enhanced, detailed listening activities.  |
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| Autu<br>mn 2 | Introduction to String Instruments  | Introduction to Woodwind Instruments   | Introduction to Brass<br>Instruments   | AOS I cont & AOS 4:<br>Forms & Devices/Popular<br>Music   | Revisit Area of Study 4 (Popular Music), Mock Exam, Performance & Composition   |
|              | Students will learn about the string family. They will also start learning to play the violin. They will learn the names of the strings and how to play pizzicato (plucking with fingers). They will then learn how to hold the bow and play the violin | Students will explore the woodwind family and learn to play the fife. They will learn about how sound is produced for flutes and for reed based instruments.   | Students will learn about the brass family and learn to play the trumpet. They will learn how sound is produced in brass instruments.  Students will watch           | Introduction to prepared extract – Badinerie (JS Bach): Instrumentation, anacrusis, simple triple time, repeat marks, ornamentation, trill, conjunct movement, sequence, octaves, minuet  | Development  Building GCSE skills and coursework in composition and performance with I-I support.   |
|              | with it.  Students will watch exemplary players across a wide variety of styles and use the elements of music to discuss what they hear and see.  | Students will watch exemplary players across a wide variety of styles and use the elements of music to discuss what they hear and see.  They will have an  | exemplary players across a wide variety of styles and use the elements of music to discuss what they hear and see.  They will have an introduction to the principles | and trio, G major, D major, chordal analysis (using Roman numerals), perfect cadence, imperfect cadence, modulation to dominant, dominant 7th, chromatic movement. Popular Music, with terminology as   | Revisit Set Work Africa (by Toto). Loops, samples, panning, phasing, melismatic/syllabic, rock and pop, strophic form, 32 bar song form, verse, chorus, middle 8, riffs, bridge, fills, breaks, intros, |
|              | As part of this unit, they will continue their use of rhythmic notation and now also gain an initial understanding of treble clef pitch notation.  Singing  | introduction to the principles of the flute via the fife. The fife is similar to a recorder but with a flute mouthpiece and makes a great stepping stone towards the flute itself. They will learn to play simple tunes. | of the trumpet, how to blow<br>the instrument, how to use<br>the valves and how to<br>produce different pitches<br>with the same valve.                              | appropriate: rock and pop<br>styles (revisiting Blues from<br>KS3) strophic form, 32 bar<br>song form, verse, chorus,<br>middle 8, riffs, bridge, fill,<br>break, intros and outros,<br>backing tracks, improvisation.<br>Appraising - more challenging | outros, blues scale, pentatonic scale, runs, syncopation, cadences, power chords, instrumentation, walking bass, lead and backing vocals, lead guitar, bass guitar,                                     |

|        | Short singing tasks will continue to take place throughout the term to | This unit will require more                        | This unit will require further use of both rhythmic | theoretical and aural work: primary and secondary                                   | wah-wah and other pedals, improvisation, back phrasing. |
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|        | help build the confidence of the students.                             | use of both rhythmic notation and the treble clef. | notation and the treble clef.                       | chords, cadences, standard<br>chord progressions, power<br>chords, rhythmic devices | Exam techniques: hints and tips                         |
|        |  | Singing  |   | such as syncopation, driving rhythms, the relationship                              | Building a vocabulary revision                          |
|        |  | Short singing tasks will                           |   | between melody and chords.  |   |
|        |  | continue to take place                             |   | How to 'describe' a piece   |   |
|        |  | throughout the term to help                        |   | using the elements of musical   |   |
|        |  | build the confidence of the                        |   | language. Introduction to   |   |
|        |  | students.  |   | prepared extract – Africa (Toto):   |   |
|        |  |  |   | instrumentation, lead and   |   |
|        |  |  |   | backing vocals, strophic  |   |
|        |  |  |   | form, repetitive chord  | 9 9   |
|        |  |  |   | sequences, cadences (chordal  |   |
|        |  |  |   | analysis), solo, rhythmic   |   |
|        |  |  |   | features (triplets,   |   |
|        |  |  |   | syncopation, driving  |   |
|        |  |  |   | rhythms), walking bass and  |   |
|        |  |  |   | key change.   |   |
| Spring | Keyboard Skills  | All About The Bass                                 | Minimalism  | AOS 2:  | Revisit AOS2 Music For                                  |
| 1      | This unit is all about effective                                       | Bass Clef Reading and                              | This unit develops students'                        | Music For Ensemble  | Ensemble in more depth                                  |
|        | keyboard performance technique   | Notation forms the                                 | understanding of minimalism.                        | Introduction to area of study   | Revisit Music for Ensemble                              |
|        | including basic treble clef staff                                      | foundation of this unit which                      | Students will compose short                         | 2: Music for Ensemble.  | (with more advanced                                     |
|        | notation. The unit begins with a                                       | explores a range of                                | pieces with simple motifs                           | Performing in smaller   | topic/class/practical content)                          |
|        | general introduction and   | commonly used Bass Line                            | that they will then layer to                        | ensembles; (e.g. chamber  | including Chamber Classical                             |
|        | "Keyboard Treasure Hunt" around  | Patterns within a variety of                       | create their own minimalist                         | music, jazz, musical theatre  | Music, Blues, Jazz and                                  |
|        | a standard classroom keyboard  | different types, styles, and                       | compositions with                                   | etc.) as suited to learner  | Musical Theatre, covering                               |
|        | which is a good chance to navigate                                     | genres of music from                               | polyphonic texture.                                 | interests (cover other topics   | 40  |

|      |  | This unit explores reggae music and the culture it | This unit aims to give students the experience of being "film | Introduction to area of study 3: Film Music, with devices |  |
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| ring | How do I Play Guitar?  | Caribbean & Reggae                                 | Film Music  | AOS3: Film Music  | Revisit M <mark>usi</mark> c Film Music<br>in more depth |
|      | treble clef staff notation. They then move on to add a second part of basic chords with the left hand. |  |   |   |  |
|      | melodies from popular songs from   |  |   |   |  |
|      | the form of simple melodies and  |  |   |   |  |
|      | explore how to "read music" in   |  |   |   | co   |
|      | enharmonic equivalents and   |  |   |   |  |
|      | names; sharps and flats as   |  |   |   | 2 4 2 1/   |
|      | white and black keys and their note  |  |   |   |  |
|      | layout of the keyboard in terms of   |  |   |   |  |
|      | key of C Major. Pupils explore the   |  |   |   |  |
|      | simple right hand melodies in the  |  |   |   |  |
|      | playing skills, built through a range of exercises such as scales and                                  |  |   |   |  |
|      | using keyboard fingering for better  |  |   | major/minor.  |  |
|      | will then move on to learn about   |  |   | modulations to relative                                   |  |
|      | start with just the black notes and  | about the bass guitar.                             |   | pentatonic, blue notes,                                   |  |
|      | keyboard warm-ups. Pupils will   | learned alongside learning                         |   | dissonance, range, intervals,                             | recordings next half-term.                               |
|      | posture and the importance of  | Famous bass riffs will be                          | adverts such as car adverts                                   | tonality: inversions,                                     | accurate scores and                                      |
|      | of correct playing position and  |  | discussing its common use in                                  | melody, harmony and                                       | coursework aiming for                                    |
|      | before establishing the importance   | the Bass Stave.                                    | "Tubular Bells" as well as                                    | additional concepts of                                    | Be close to completion for                               |
|      | Accordion, Organ and Synthesisers  | spaces and ledger lines on                         | Music" and Mike Oldfield's                                    | countermelody. Introducing                                |  |
|      | such as the Harpsichord,   | of the notes in the lines,                         | Steve Reich's "Clapping                                       | accompaniment,  | solos, chorus,   |
|      | about other keyboard instruments   | the Bass Clef and the names                        | Listening tasks will include                                  | unison, chordal, melody and                               | canon and countermelody,                                 |
|      | technical problems. Students learn   | term 'bass' before looking at                      |   | Monophonic, homophonic,                                   | Polyphonic, layered, round,                              |
|      | and troubleshoot any potential   | the various meanings of the                        | evolution.  | and melody) including:                                    |  |
|      | good playing routines and rectify  | Students begin by exploring                        | also explore motivic  | texture and sonority (chords                              | to BB King:  |
|      | basic keyboard functions, establish  | different times and places.                        | Advanced students might                                       | in year 11). Composing using                              | music from Haydn through                                 |

Students will begin to learn the names of the parts of the guitar and the letters of each string.

They will then learn to play along to a range of famous pop songs initially using just open strings. They will be performing with the original tracks and so they will need to develop the ability to play exactly in time.

Techniques such as slides, power chords and bends will form part of the assessment as well as the performances of famous songs.

comes from. After exploring the origins of reggae music as one of a number of different styles of Caribbean music, students learn about the importance of bass lines in reggae music and how offbeat chords are a key feature of music of this genre. Students explore the strong and weak beats of the bar, syncopation and the effect that this has on reggae music, before looking at how "fragmented" melodic parts can be used as bass line riffs and melodic hooks. Students will explore the different textural layers which make up reggae music

soundtrack composers" and explores the challenges and musical devices used in film soundtrack composition. The unit focuses on listening and composing, including much use of Garageband that will prepare students for GCSE composition.

Listening tasks will include specific films and will revisit the Elements of Music particularly through tempo and instrumentation. More specifically, students will need to connect the elements with music with how a piece creates the sense of chase or anticipation, or any other emotion.

Students will take a silent movie clip called "Fixing Woody" from Toy Story and will create their own music to go with this clip. They will also explore "micky mousing" which involves using instruments, often percussion, to represent things such as doors opening and drawers

and terminology: Layering, further examples of imitation, chromatic movement and dissonance in harmonic work, leitmotifs. thematic transformation of ideas. The relationship between the story and the music: choosing appropriate elements of music to represent characters and plot. The effect of audience, time and place, and how to achieve this through use of the musical elements. Use of sonority, texture and dynamics to create a mood. How to achieve contrasts and develop initial ideas when composing.

Special effects, extreme dynamics and tempi, varying time signatures, other minimalistic techniques, chromatic and extended harmonies, use of pattern-work, sustained notes and polyphonic textures to vary the textures.

All performance and composition work recorded and submitted to Eduqas.

| Summ<br>er I | Folk Music  | All That Blues   | closing. They will learn how to synchronise these exactly with the movie clip.  Video Game Music                               | Free Composition/Recap   | Listening Practice and Exam Technique                              |
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|              | This unit investigates some of the different techniques of Musical Accompaniments through the exploration of Folk Songs. The concept of Harmony, relating specifically to Intervals, is | This unit develops students' understanding of chord progression, the blues scale and bass lines. They will act as a foundation for improvisation which will in | This unit will look at various themes such as Mario Peaches and Minecraft Calm. Students will have 3 tasks through the unit:   | Students will cover every aspect of GCSE assessment so that a formal review of their level and predicted grades can be achieved.   | Detailed preparation, with past paper questions for the GCSE exam. |
|              | reinforced through progressively more complex Musical Accompaniments from a simple Pedal (octave), Drone and Ostinato (fifth), to Chords as Triads, Broken Chords and, for the more     | turn aid them with composition over the coming years.  Students begin by learning about the history, origin and  | I. They will listen to video game music using the elements of music to explain how it creates the correct style for a game (eg | They will perform and be assessed on one solo piece and one ensemble piece using the Eduqas GCSE criteria.                         |  |
|              | advanced, even Arpeggios and<br>Alberti Bass patterns (root, third,<br>fifth). The unit takes "The<br>Wellerman" Sea Shanty as its case   | development of the Blues<br>and its characteristic 12-bar<br>Blues structure exploring<br>how a walking bass line is   | action).  2. They will perform  Mario Peaches on a  keyboard.  | Students will complete one past paper GCSE question most weeks in several different areas of study as a                            |  |
|              | study where students sing and perform the melody and add different forms of Musical Accompaniment patterns to form their own arrangements.  | developed from a chord progression. Students also explore the effect of adding a melodic improvisation using the Blues scale and the effect which "swung"      | 3. They will create their own video game music for a game of their choice using the elements of music to help them             | guided tasking, helping them learn what to listen for and identify. They will then have a full past paper for their Year 10 Mock.  |  |
|              | During this unit, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of Folk Music as a "traditional" musical genre, explore the musical instruments, timbres                      | rhythms have as used in jazz<br>and blues music. Students<br>are introduced to seventh<br>chords and how these are<br>formed and their                         | make it suitable.  | They will work on a free composition project (of choice). They will continue to build aural skills through frequent practice. Mock |  |

|              | and sonorities commonly associated with Folk Music performance, the texture and basic form and structure of Folk Songs and further their knowledge of performing chords in different accompaniment patterns on the keyboard/piano.  Folk Music 2   | characteristic sound used in jazz and blues music. Students examine the lyrics of blues songs and their AAB structure.  Listening examples will range from early blues through to the influence that Blues had on artists such as Elvis Presley.  Ensemble Skills   | What Makes A Good  | Performance Assessment – two pieces, with at least one ensemble  Revision, Performance &  |  |
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| Summ<br>er 2 | The folk unit will continue this term but with a wider variety of instruments so that a range of chord patterns can be explored and ensembles developed.  Students will explore the ukulele, the string names and how to position their fingers to master simple chords.  They will then learn different accompaniment patterns that will allow them to create alternative arrangements of The Wellerman.  Finally ensembles will be formed with keyboard, vocals and ukulele or guitar. | Students will work on a multi-instrument project: "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley.  They will learn chords on keyboards and ukulele More advanced students will elaborate the chords, using two hands and creating rhythmic patterns in a style known as "comping" on the keyboard.  Ukulele lessons will include learning the same chords and various different picking patterns. | In this unit, students explore the genre of popular song and song structure. They will learn about the purpose and intent behind different sections including introductions, verses, choruses, instrumentals, middle 8s and outros.  Students will use "Africa" by Toto as a guide to their work. They will explore an introduction with alternating riffs, verses with 4 chords and 4 bar phrases, drum fills leading into choruses and the pentatonic scale. | Course Work Composition I  Revisit all topics from year 10 using past paper examples.  Start a free composition project (of choice). Continue to build aural skills through frequent practice. Final assessment of composition to Eduqas criteria. Discussion should follow with learners re. targets, refinement etc. Mock listening exam based on all areas of study. |  |

| Towards the end of the summer term, students will work in groups aiming to have ukulele and piano playing in time with each other, thus developing teamwork and ensemble skills. | Assessment of composition, solo performance and ensemble will be to Eduqas criteria. |  |
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| Listening tasks will include exploring the structure of the song and cover versions.  Cover versions will lead to discussion of the elements of                                  |  |  |
| music such as instrumentation, tempo and dynamics, including the use of music-specific technical terms.  |  |  |