Music Curriculum Overview - 7/8/9



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Reporting Y7		BfL & LAL			LAL	LAL			
Year 7	INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC Students learn to sing and play short (specifically chosen to develop musical minds for this age group) part of a whole class, and when ready in smaller groups using prosons. Students learn to perform and arrange and actively listen other students to help how to learn to give and receive construct feedback to help improve work. Students are introduced to the lelements in the music department: Instruments available in the classroom (Keyboard, Percussion, Xylophone) Musical Elements: Melody – Treble clef notes, C major and Dor Mode 1 octave; Time signature and Rhythm (Duration) – 4/4 Syncopated, Dotted, All rhythmic values from Semibreve to Quan Texture – Solo, group work, canon; Dynamics; Tempo; Structure- and phrases Differentiation: Harmony – major and minor chords (Differentiat only Some Y7 students – others introduced at Term 2 when the Musical Elements are reinforced; Articulation – students are encouraged to play with various articulation when ready to help the mood of their music The scheme of work allows all students in Y7 to, often the first ti Explore basic western notation Experience basic rhythm and melody games – to develop vocal (Modal and Pentatonic appropriate to their age and vocal ranges critical listening and whole body rhythm and fming. Funga Alafia Experience more advanced rhythm and melody – so students clearn to move in time, whilst singing and clapping a different rhy (Rose Red, Hey How, Ah poor bird) Experience Renaissance Musical styles (Differentiation – La Vol Experience Renaissance Musical styles (Different	Students will: • Learn how to read and play chords (Dm and melody (treble clef) to play Drunken Sailor, traditional folk tune. Most student will learn to play chords LH in root position, melody in RH. Differentiation: This can be made easier to chords/melody per person or more improved embellishe melody with broken chords used in the Lto make the piece more advanced. • Students will arrange the melody and chords, in small groups using a mix of guitar, keyboard, voice and percussion to assemble their arrangement, as decided the performers. • Differentiation: There are a wide range of other folk Melodies more advance keyboard learners can try. • Differentiation: Students at this stage can choose to either specialise in either guitar or keyboard or continue to generalise and use different instruments for different topics. Students who receive ECA piano lessons will be given further differentiated work and teachers often liaise with the peripatetic teacher regarding progress where possible. • Students will explore and reinforce the musical elements in practical setting adding the following to their vocabulary from term 1: major, minor, chord, modal strumming, syncopation. • Students will continue to learn to give and receive constructive feedback (WWW/EBI) on their performance work. This will be imbedded into lessons and students will work on their performance technique based on their targets set by themselves, their group, their teacher or	students attend the Service of 9 Lessons & Carols held at Truro (2) Cathedral. This is a beautiful event where the Mass Year 7/8 choir perform a wide range of repertoire, alongside the school choirs, orchestra, brass ensemble and selected soloists. This Christmas Preparation occurs alongside the SOW in Year 7 and 8, and large year group rehearsals are also held outside of KS3 curriculum time. Students continue to learn how to sing in	FOLK MUSIC This unit is intentionally kept flexible as classroom teachers have now had a term to assess their classes progress in terms of performance, composition, listening skills and team work. Students will explore folk-rock fusion through learning about folk Music (in depth of Cornwall but also of the British Iles) and through Folk Rock Fusion Bands (The Corrs, The Floggin' Mollies) Students all complete the next set of skills within the unit, and will be explored at appropriate levels of differentiation set by the teacher. INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR Students will: • Spend up to 6 lessons learning the basics on acoustic Guitar • Learn a 2 finger chord warm up that moves up the neck and uses fret 2 and 3, with basic strumming pattern (ta, ta ti-ti, ta) • Differentiation – Students will begin to use more complicated strumming patterns using syncopation and ghost notes • Composition: Students may begin to compose a lyrical melody based on their home (Cornwall/ England/ UK or elsewhere) using the warm up chords as accompaniment o Students will learn a range of basic chords depending on ability: • Am and Em • Cand G, F • Dm, D7, A7 (and beyond) • Differentiation - Students who receive ECA guitar lessons will be given further differentiated work and teachers often liaise with the peripatetic teacher regarding progress where possible. • Performance: students will learn a folk song using chords and strumming (Cornwall My Home, in 3 /4) • Composition: Students may arrange their piece after learning about Rock-Folk Fusion Toss the Feathers by The Corrs.	World Music Students will either study Samba music from brazil or Gamelan Music from Indonesia. In Brazil, Samba hateria's practical all year round in preparation for Carnival; held in February to celebrate the beginning of Lent. In this scheme of work students are introduced to Authentic Brazilian pieces including Call and Response, Arrival, Structure and Polyrhythm using samba instruments. They Learn to perform as part of a whole class, and critique their tempo, timing and technique to improve their performance. Differentiation: Students learn to play more simple/ more complex rhythms using cipher or western rhythmic notation. Students learn more complete tam and caixa drum techniques. • Composition: Students break into smaller groups to create Samba pastiche compositions. Differentiation by outcome. • Appraisal: Students actively study the winners of the most recent Carnival to gain inspiration and develop percussion technique. GAMELAN - Students work as part of a whole class ensemble performing authentic Gamelan orchestral Music from Javi, Indonesia. Students actively listen to Javanese shadow puppet music, to help them recognise the sounds of gongs, metallophones and ciblon they learn to play. Students use a simplified cipher notation which resembles how this traditional style is learned accurately. Whilst learning authentic pieces such as Lancorna Bintang (Flowing Stars), students learn to actively listen to their playing, critiquing their technique (beater technique) to work out if they are playing the correct rhythm, melody, texture, dynamic and tempo and work towards creating an appropriate gentle, calm atmosphere, appropriate to the skyle of music. Students then go on to work in smaller groups, using their developed listening and performance skills to create their own pastiche compositions. Both composition and performance are performed to the class and audio recorded when appropriate during class time to be used towards summative assessment. Discussions regarding the religious and spiritual take pl	Introduction to Music Technology - In this SOW, students are exposed to using a Digital Audio Workstation (bandlab for education) to create and mix their own music. Students are taught various skills on bandlab, such as creating their own MIDI tracks, using loops and samples, using automation and panning and various editing techniques. Students also learn how to play in live MIDI through the use of a MIDI keyboard and drum pads. Students then create their own compositions utalising the skills they have learnt on the DAW.	School of Rock - In this SOW, students are exposed to the iconic artists and bands of classic rock song, such as the songs of Queen, The White Stripes, Guns and Roses and ACDC. Students listen to these iconic songs and appraise the music, aiming to indentify the instrumentation, structure, riff, drum beat and bass line that form the fundamental parts of classic rock. Students then learn some iconic riffs on guitar and piano, then develop these riffs into group performances, embedding the chords, vocal melody and drum beat to produce and effective arrangement. Students use the musical elements, such as dynamic and tempo changes to perform music that is appropriate to the style. Students then compose their own riff on guitar or piano.	Curriculum Enrichment Week	

Reporting Y9	CfCs	BfL & LAL		BfL & LAL	Bft. & LAL
Year 9	Reggae - Year 9 start the year by looking at the 'decades of music' from the 60s to the present day. They start off by exploring the Reggae music of Jamaica. We introduce students to the history and context of the music and introducing the iconic artists that have made an impact on the genre and the stylistic features which make up the fundaments of the music. This topic has a direct link to the BTEC First Award in Music Practice, which is one of the first topics students will study at KS4. Students then embark on studying 3 more 'decades' topics in Year 9; Hip Hop, Britpop and Motown. These are all taught with the same intention and consequently link to the topics taught at KS4 in the Component 1: Exploring Musical Products and Styles. We provide students with opportunities to explore a variety of instruments when performing various pieces of music from the different decades and encourage them to embed the stylistic features into their playing. Students also compose a short section of music that consolidates their knowledge of music decades for each topic.		Britpop - Please see Autumn term 1	Motown - Please see autumn term 1	THE BAND PROJECT - In this scheme of learning, students create their own bands. Not only do they have to produce good quality cover songs in a style of their choice (some groups go for a composition route using Sibelius or music technology using Reaper, Band Lab or Garage band route at this stage) but they also have to create all the promotional material that is integral to any job individual working within the music industry. Students divide jobs such as being; the Band Manager, Musical Director, Advertisement and Media Consultants to complete promotional tasks. When tasking have been completed (such as writing a contract, creating a logo, website design, newsletter or music video) RLS 'money' is awarded to the band, and each group in Y9 has to make a minimum of £1000 to complete the project. This is a competition and the winning bands win prizes at the end of the Year. All written and musical work is used for assessment. This has proven to be an excellent way to help rock bands across the school develop, and has led to some bands continuing with their Musical Groups after the curriculum project is completed.

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Reporting Y10	CfCs	BfL & Grades	CfCs	BfL & Grades		BfL & Report		
Year 10 GCSE MUSIC	In Year 10, Students are introduced to Area of Study 1: My Music In this topic students rehearse their performance skills on their first instrument of choice, or voice. Students are given time to rehearse as both as soloist and as an ensemble player and are given opportunities to rehearse both in lessons, at lunchtimes are after schools and are offered performance opportunities throughout the school year to prepare them for their solo and ensemble performance recordings in Year 11. Students are also encouraged to rehearse on a second instrument if applicable, or try a new instrument and variety of instruments when possible. This allows for depth of learning (on their first instrument) but all breadth, which will help them become more rounded musicians. Performance is a linear discipline which is developed throughout the course with the final summative assessment for coursework being complete in Year 11. Area of Study 5: The Conventions of Pop - Pop ballads, solo artists, rock and roll and rock anthems. Composition To begin, Y10 will work in teams to produce short musical compositions based on ideas or briefs give by the teacher. This can include using poetry, a painting, a chord sequence or a set melody as inspiration. Students explore how the musical elements can be manipulated to improve their creative processes. Students also use music technology including recording equipment, notation software and online digital audio workstations where applicable to help bring their compositions to life.	d so o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	Performance (Continued) Composition In term 2 students begin their 'free composition' where they compose freely, in a style of their choice. After the preparation of group work in term 1, most students thrive on the freedom that this part of the coursework gives, but more help and guidance is given to those who need support in getting their ideas started. Students complete this composition by the end of Y10, which they can revisit in Year 11. Area of Study 3: Rhythms of the World - Students will perform Brazilian Samba, Caribbean Calypso and Steel Pan Music and West African Drumming as a whole class band, as well as exploring both traditional Classical Raag and traditional Punjab Bhangra of India - Students will actively listen to Eastern Mediterranean (Greek), Israeli, Palestinian and Music of the Middle East looking and will practically explore Arabic folk rhythms	courswork and students complete s study of Rhythms of the World and revise the Conventions of Pop.	Performance- by now the students will have participated in some of these performance opportunities to further prepare them for completing performance repertoire exams to be recorded in Year 11 - The following performance opportunities really allow students to grow in confidence with performing and presentation as well as growing holistically as young people and as young musicians: - performing to their class (throughout KS4) - performing in assembly (throughout KS4) - performing at Open Evening (Sept) - performing at Wine and cheese night (Oct) - City of Lights (Samba parade in November) - Christmas Carol Service at Truro Cathedral (December) - Cornwall Music Festival (March) - Easter Activities (April) - School Production (May) - Celebration of Achievement at Truro Cathedral (June) - End of term Concert (July) Composition - Completion of Free Composition (Composition 1 - worth 15% of overall GCSE Grade)	Continuation from Spring 1 - Continued performance practice, students work on composition courswork and students complete study of Rhythms of the World and revise the Conventions of Pop. Area of Study 4: Film Music. Students study music that has been: - composed specifically for screen, taken from the Western Classical tradition and been used within a film and music composed as a soundtrack for a video game.		
Reporting Y11	CfCs & Grades	Rep & GradeS	CfCs & Grades	BfL & Grades				
Year 11 GCSE MUSIC	Performance - Solo and Ensemble recordings complete. Worth 30% of overall exam. Students who need more time will be able to re-record during lessons up until March of their exam year. Area of Study 2: The Concerto Through Time - Students will study a range of different types of Concerto from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic Periods of Music and the Western Classical Orchestra Composition - The exam board sets the 'composition brief' at the start of Y11 where students must choose a brief to compose to. These are often based around Area of Study 2,3 and 4 and is completed in Year 11 term 1 and term 2, worth 15% of overall GCSE		Areas of Study 2,3,4,5 - Revision Begins Performance - Any outstanding recordings are complete Composition - Free composition from Y10 revisited and reworked if neccessary. Free Brief in completion	All remaining c/w is complete, entered	d, moderated and sent to the exam board. Students complete revision sessions for their listening exam that will occur in N	flay / June of Year 11.		

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Year 10 MUSIC BTEC	Performance Pathway During this component, students develop an appreciation for music styles and genres. They practically explore the techniques used in the creation of different musical products and styles of music, on their instrument or voice. They apply their knowledge of the stylistic features and musical elements used in various music genres, to performances, composition and music production activities. Students gain a broad understand of the stylistic features within music genres from the 60s to the present day, such as; Reggae, Jazz, Stadium Rock, Electronic Dance Music, Motown, Soul, Film Music and many more including world music such as Gamelan, Samba, African drumming or Steel pans. They create a portfolio which demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of the stylistic features in different music genres. Students are urged to perform as much as possible in school settings (assembly, school clubs, student led groups) and continue to do so to gain as much as possible during the course. Technology Pathway During this component, students develop an appreciation for music styles and genres. They practically explore the techniques used in the creation of different musical products and styles of music, on a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW). They apply their knowledge of the stylistic features and musical elements used in various music genres, to performances, composition and music production activities. Students gain a broad understanding of the stylistic features within music genres from the 60s to the present day, such as; Drum and Bass, Britpop, Hip Hop, Music for Media, and many more including world music such as Gamelan, Samba, African drumming or Steel pans. They create a portfolio which demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of the stylistic features in different music genres. Students are urged to perform as much as possible in school settings (assembly, school clubs, student led groups) and continue to do so to gain as much as possible during the course.	Performance Pathway During the second half of this component, students explore how music from a variety of genres is performed, created and produced. Students take part in a combination of practical and taught sessions which allow them to create music across the 3 disciplines of performing, creating and production. They gain understanding of the purpose and intended audience it was created for, such as live performance, audio recording and original songs or compositions. Students participate in workshops and explore a range of music theory, knowledge and techniques and become critical listeners. They explore different techniques on their instruments or voice, such as; instruments and how individual parts fit together. They create their own original music which explores starting points and stimuli, repetition and contrast and development and extending musical ideas. They create a portfolio which showcases their music product and musical responses. Technology Pathway During the second half of this component, students explore how music from a variety of genres is performed, created and produced. Students take part in a combination of practical and taught sessions which allow them to create music across the 3 disciplines of performing, creating and production. They gain understanding of the purpose and intended audience it was created for, such as live performance, audio recording and original songs or compositions. Students participate in workshops and explore a range of music theory, knowledge and techniques and become critical listeners. They explore different production techniques on a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW), such as; software instruments, microphone selection and placement and MIDI and audio techniques. They create their own original music which explores starting points and stimuli, repetition and contrast and development and extending musical ideas. They create a portfolio which showcases their music product in and musical responses.	In this component, students are given the opportunity to explore and develop their skills and techniques. They will participate in workshops and classes where they will develop professional and commercial for the music industry. They will explore personal and professional techniques for musicians and how musicians share their music with others, learning to use a variety of methods of evidencing processes and outcomes and communicating their skills development. Particular skills to develop in this component will include time management, self-discipline, working with others, correct and safe use of equipment and auditing existing skills and maintaining a development plan. Students will then communicate their development through a portfolio including rehearsal diaries, peer and teacher reviews, milestone performances, recorded auditions and written commentary. Technology Pathway In this component, students are given the opportunity to explore and develop their skills and techniques. They will participate in workshops and classes where they will develop professional and commercial for the music industry. They will explore personal and professional techniques for musicians and how musicians share their music with others, learning to use a variety of methods of evidencing processes and outcomes and communicating their skills development. Particular skills to develop in this component will include time management, self-discipline, working with others, correct and safe use of equipment and auditing existing skills and maintaining a development plan. Students will then communicate their development through a portfolio including production notes, screenshots, compositional sketches, rough cuts and initial mixes, demos, or remixes.	Performance Pathway In the second half of this component, students begin to apply and develop individual musical skills and techniques. They will participate in workshops and classes where they will develop technical and practical skills, specialising in 2 of the following areas: music performance, creating original music, music production. Students will complete a skills audit and create a development plan that identifies practice routines, technical exercises, goal setting and progress tracking. They will also continue to develop specific musical techniques including; timing, phrasing, rhythm, pitch, expression, learning repertoire, stage presence, and instrumental or vocal technique. Technology Pathway In the second half of this component, students begin to apply and develop individual musical skills and techniques. They will participate in workshops and classes where they will develop technical and practical skills, specialising in 2 of the following areas: music performance, creating original music, music production. Students will complete a skills audit and create a development plan that identifies practice routines, technical exercises, goal setting and progress tracking. They will also continue to develop specific musical techniques including; using equipment or software appropriately, combining instruments/sounds, health and safety, using rhythm and pitch, manipulation techniques, using effects, inputting and editing audio and using software instruments.	Performance Pathway In this component, students are given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given commercial brief. They work to their strengths and interests to apply the skills that they have learnt throughout the course in a practical way. They focus on a particular area of the music industry to respond to a commercial brief as either a composer, performer or producer. Students begin by exploring the brief and investigating possible responses and demands of the brief. They then develop and present an original creation based on a piece given from a list and style of music from a choice of 4. They then present this as a solo or group performance. Technology Pathway In this component, students are given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given commercial brief. They work to their strengths and interests to apply the skills that they have learnt throughout the course in a practical way. 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Reporting Y11	Grades Rep & Grades					BfL & Grades			
	Year 11 – Component 3 – Responding to a Commercial Re	cording Brief		Component 3 i	s complete. Qualification is co	omplete			
	Learners will be given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given brief. This component will allow students to work to their strengths								
	and interests and apply the skills that they have learned throughout your course in a practical way. They will focus on a particular area of the music industry								
	that excites and appeals to them and respond to a commercial music brief as a composer, performer or producer.								
	Students will begin by exploring the brief and investigating possible responses and ideas to meet the demands. Using relevant resources, skills and techniques								
	they will then develop and refine musical material before presenting their final response. They will develop and present an original creation based on a piece								
	from a given list (from genres covered in Component 1) and								
	recording or a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) project. Stu	udents will also develop skills in self-management,	communication and presentation, which are						
	vital to any future course of study.								
	This component is the final exam component, and so is asso	essed and verified externally and is completed in M	lay of Year 11 after preparation time in term 2. It						
	is a fantastic component that brings all the learning of the E								
	reflective of their ability, to allow for independent research to produce musical outcomes, and to be more prepared for KS5 and the demands of A levels and								
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