		Curriculum Overview	
Year Group	Term	Unit of Work	Assessment Content
7	1	Unit title: Rhythm & Pulse (transition unit). This unit of work gradually builds security with rhythm and pulse. Content is presented through a variety of genres, from drum kit grooves to samba rhythms and contemporary British music Students will:	Baseline listening test 1
		 Know The difference between rhythm and pulse and the names and duration of notated rhythms: Understand The importance of pulse in music Basic rhythmic notation (quaver rest, dotted notes, ties. triplets) Metre (time signatures), conducting patterns Syncopation (accents and offbeat) Dynamics and simple musical structures Be able to: Demonstrate fluency and accuracy of rhythm on various percussion/body percussion Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively Identify and comment on rhythms used Recognise musical symbols and rhythmic notation and demonstrate an ability to use these 	
	2	 in performance Unit title: Rhythm & Pulse (transition unit) - continued Students will: Know The difference between rhythm and pulse and the names and duration of notated rhythms Understand The importance of pulse in music Basic rhythmic notation (quaver rest, dotted notes, ties. triplets) Metre (time signatures), conducting patterns Syncopation (accents and offbeat) 	Baseline listening test 2 Whole class performance of rhythmic piece

	Dynamics and simple musical structures	
	Be able to	
	Demonstrate fluency and accuracy of rhythm on various percussion/body percussion	
	 Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task 	
	 Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively 	
	 Identify and comment on rhythms used 	
	 Recognise musical symbols and rhythmic notation and demonstrate an ability to use these 	
	in performance	
3	Unit title: Singing and the Elements	
	This unit of work is a foundation unit for KS3 Music, where students review the elements	
	(interrelated dimensions) both through aural analysis and singing in context.	
	Content is presented through a variety of genres of vocal music.	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	 The difference between rhythm and pulse and the names and duration of notated rhythms 	
	Understand	
	The importance of pulse in music	
	 Basic rhythmic notation (quaver rest, dotted notes, ties. triplets) 	
	 Metre (time signatures), conducting patterns 	
	Syncopation (accents and offbeat)	
	Dynamics and simple musical structures	
	Be able to	
	 Demonstrate fluency and accuracy of rhythm on various percussion/body percussion 	
	 Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task 	
	 Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively 	
	Identify and comment on rhythms used	
	Recognise musical symbols and rhythmic notation and demonstrate an ability to use these	
	in performance	
4	Unit title: Singing and the Elements - continued	Performance,
	Students will:	improvisation,
	Know	composition, evaluation,
	 The difference between rhythm and pulse and the names and duration of notated rhythms 	listening

Understand • The importance of pulse in music Basic rhythmic notation (quaver rest, dotted notes, ties. triplets) Metre (time signatures), conducting patterns Syncopation (accents and offbeat) Dynamics and simple musical structures Be able to Demonstrate fluency and accuracy of rhythm on various percussion/body percussion Demonstrate ensemble listening skills in a group task Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively Identify and comment on rhythms used Recognise musical symbols and rhythmic notation and demonstrate an ability to use these in performance **Unit title: Melody Pitch and Patterns** 5 This unit of work builds on prior skill development, encouraging students to develop individual performance skills on a melodic instrument. Content is presented through the study of the set work - 'O Fortuna' from Carmina Burana by Karl Orff. Students will: **Know** • The orchestral families and the basics of musical notation **Understand** How to notate pitch How to practice using the correct keyboard technique The concept of texture in music Be able to Use appropriate musical notation when playing Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively Identify a variety of different instrument sounds and families

Recognise musical symbols and staff notation and demonstrate an ability to use these in

Identify and comment on musical devices

performance

6	Unit title: Melody Pitch and Patterns - continued	Extended task that brings
	Students will:	together learning of
	Know	curriculum content in
	The orchestral families and the basics of musical notation	year7: Performance and
	Understand	Composition
	How to notate pitch	
	 How to practice using the correct keyboard technique 	
	The concept of texture in music	
	Be able to	
	Use appropriate musical notation when playing	
	Develop and extend musical ideas and patterns effectively	
	 Identify a variety of different instrument sounds and families 	
	Identify and comment on musical devices	
	 Recognise musical symbols and staff notation and demonstrate an ability to use these in 	
	performance	
1	Unit title: Hooks and Riffs	
	This unit explores music based on repeated musical patterns. It builds on knowledge of pitch.	
	Content is presented through the study of through the genres of Popular Music (Hooks and Riffs)	
	and Music from the Western Classical Tradition (Ostinatos).	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	 Treble and bass clef symbols as an indication of pitch 	
	 Musical repeat markings and symbols 	
	 What Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos and how to distinguish and differentiate between then 	
	when listening and performing.	
	 Know what effect using repeated musical patterns in a piece of music has on the listener 	
	Understand	
	How music is based on Repeated Musical Patterns.	
	The difference between Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos.	
	Be able to	
	 Identify, perform and create hooks, riffs and ostinatos within a musical structure. 	
	 Recognise their own contributions to group performances taking a solo part. 	

	Evaluate how purpose can affect the way music is used.	
2	Unit title: Hooks and Riffs - continued	Performance,
	Students will:	improvisation,
	Know	composition, evaluation,
	 Treble and bass clef symbols as an indication of pitch 	listening
	 Musical repeat markings and symbols 	
	 What Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos and how to distinguish and differentiate between then when listening and performing. 	
	 Know what effect using repeated musical patterns in a piece of music has on the listener 	
	Understand	
	How music is based on Repeated Musical Patterns.	
	The difference between Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos.	
	Be able to	
	 Identify, perform and create hooks, riffs and ostinatos within a musical structure. 	
	 Recognise their own contributions to group performances taking a solo part. 	
	 Evaluate how purpose can affect the way music is used. 	
3	Unit title: Solo Musician - Tonality and Structure	
	This unit of work builds on prior instrumental skill development, encouraging students to refine	
	and improve individual performances and compositions.	
	Content is presented through the study of two 'set work' performance pieces: 'In the Hall of the	
	Mountain King' by Grieg and 'New World Symphony' by Dvorak.	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	Scales: major, minor, chromatic and pentatonic	
	Structure: binary, ternary and variation form performance directions.	
	Understand	
	The difference between a major and minor scale	
	Binary form	
	Chromatic notes in a melody	
	Melodic development and the use of scales	
	Be able to	
	Include solos or moments of musical leadership in performance	

	Make adjustments to facilitate musical interpretation and sensitive ensemble performance	
	 Create music evidencing melodic development and rhythmic interest 	
	 Refine ideas effectively, through improvisation, mutual evaluation and discussion 	
	 Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices 	
	Read staff notation with increasing ease	
4	Unit title: Solo Musician - Tonality and Structure - continued	Performance,
	Students will:	improvisation,
	Know	composition, evaluation,
	Scales: major, minor, chromatic and pentatonic	listening
	 Structure: binary, ternary and variation form performance directions. 	
	Understand	
	The difference between a major and minor scale	
	Binary form	
	Chromatic notes in a melody	
	Melodic development and the use of scales	
	Be able to	
	Include solos or moments of musical leadership in performance	
	Make adjustments to facilitate musical interpretation and sensitive ensemble performance	
	 Create music evidencing melodic development and rhythmic interest 	
	 Refine ideas effectively, through improvisation, mutual evaluation and discussion 	
	Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices	
	Read staff notation with increasing ease	
5	Unit title: The Ensemble Musician - Offbeat	
	This unit of work builds on prior instrumental skill development, encouraging students to refine	
	and improve ensemble performances.	
	Content is presented through the study of a variety of popular song styles, starting with music	
	from Jamaica (mento, ska and reggae) and then moving into contemporary songs	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	Major, minor chords	
	 Primary chords, root position and inversion and harmonic rhythm 	
	The development of Jamaican music from mento through to reggae	

	Understand	
	How to read tab	
	How major and minor chords are constructed The phythesis decises of presenting (several risks).	
	The rhythmic devices of syncopation, 'swung' rhythms, and riff Be able to	
	Be able to	
	Co-ordinate 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	
	 Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices studied in previous topics 	
6	Unit title: The Ensemble Musician – Offbeat - continued	Extended task that brings
	Students will:	together learning of
	Know	curriculum content of
	Major, minor chords	years 7 & 8
	 Primary chords, root position and inversion and harmonic rhythm 	
	 The development of Jamaican music from mento through to reggae 	
	Understand	
	How to read tab	
	How major and minor chords are constructed	
	 The rhythmic devices of syncopation, 'swung' rhythms, and riff 	
	Be able to	
	 To-ordinate 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	
	 Identify, comment on and make links between musical devices studied in previous topics 	
1	Unit title: What Makes a Good Song?	`
	This unit of work builds on work covered in year 8 where students are taught to:	
	Recognise binary, ternary and song forms	
	Identify major and minor scales	
	Perform on an instrument with increasing control and expression	
	Knowledge of typical ensembles, chords and melody	

	Content is presented through popular songs from 1960s to 2020	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	Typical song structures	
	Chords and cadences	
	A variety of textures and intervals	
	Concords and discords	
	Understand	
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	How to analyse a song and plan their own cover version of an existing song Beachlage	
	Be able to	
	Compose music in a popular genre which makes controlled use of musical features and	
	devices.	
	Discuss and analyse music in detail, using key words and musical terms	
2	Unit title: What Makes a Good Song? - continued	Composition of a song
	Students will:	
	Know	
	Typical song structures	
	Chords and cadences	
	A variety of textures and intervals	
	Concords and discords	
	Understand	
	How hooks, riffs and motifs are used in songs	
	 How to analyse a song and plan their own cover version of an existing song 	
	Be able to	
	 Compose music in a popular genre which makes controlled use of musical features and 	
	devices.	
	 Discuss and analyse music in detail, using key words and musical terms 	
3	Unit title: Music for Film (Programme Music)	
	This unit builds on previous knowledge of the elements of music with a focus on the subtle	
	manipulation of these to suit different on-screen situations. It builds on previous knowledge of	
	texture and chords.	

	Content is presented through the study of several genres of film music	
	Students will:	
	Know	
	How Film Music originated and developed	
	How "Classical Music" has been used in films	
	 How knowledge of how a film music composer creates a soundtrack allows them to create 	
	effective film soundtracks.	
	A variety of textures and intervals	
	Concords and discords	
	Understand:	
	 How music can enhance the visual images and dramatic impact of film and can reflect the 	
	emotional and narrative messages of the drama.	
	 How timing is a crucial factor in the composition and performance of music for film. 	
	 How film music can change the viewer's interpretation of a scene. 	
	 How to create an effective musical narrative for a film scene, using appropriate techniques 	
	to create an intended effect.	
	Be able to	
	 aurally identify a range of different types of film music referring to the elements of music 	
	to justify their choices.	
	 Perform more complex leitmotifs and themes from a range of film soundtracks accuracy of 	
	pitch and rhythm.	
	 Use storyboards and/or cue sheets to plan an effective film music soundtrack revising and 	
	refining ideas through rehearsal.	
	 Discriminate between diegetic and non-diegetic film music when watching/listening. 	
	 Compose an effective musical narrative for a film scene, using appropriate techniques to 	
	create an intended effect.	
4	Unit title: Music for Film (Programme Music) - continued	Composition of a
	Students will:	soundtrack
	Know	
	How Film Music originated and developed	
	How "Classical Music" has been used in films	

- How knowledge of how a film music composer creates a soundtrack allows them to create effective film soundtracks.
- A variety of textures and intervals
- Concords and discords

Understand

- How music can enhance the visual images and dramatic impact of film and can reflect the emotional and narrative messages of the drama.
- How timing is a crucial factor in the composition and performance of music for film.
- How film music can change the viewer's interpretation of a scene.
- How to create an effective musical narrative for a film scene, using appropriate techniques to create an intended effect.

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- Perform more complex leitmotifs and themes from a range of film soundtracks accuracy of pitch and rhythm.
- Use storyboards and/or cue sheets to plan an effective film music soundtrack revising and refining ideas through rehearsal.
- Discriminate between diegetic and non-diegetic film music when watching/listening.
- Compose an effective musical narrative for a film scene, using appropriate techniques to create an intended effect.

5 Unit title: New Directions

This unit of work takes an in-depth exploration of two of the many various styles, movements and genres of twentieth century music: minimalism and expressionism.

Content is delivered through a "minimalism pathway", focusing on the compositional rhythmic and melodic devices and conventions of minimalist composers and their work.

Students will:

Know

- About common trends in twentieth century music such as the use of different tonalities, chromaticism, dissonance and extremes of pitch and dynamics
- How composers use unusual and experimental timbres, sonorities, sounds and instruments within their work.

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		Understand	
		 How composers develop compositions from small starting points: motifs/cells or note/tone rows, 	
		 How these can be extended, developed and varied using musical devices such as augmentation, diminution, retrograde, inversion and retrograde inversion. 	
		Be able to	
		 Explore and use minimalist musical devices in their own performances, improvisations and compositions 	
		 Compose a structured composition in a 'minimalist' style. 	
	6	Unit title: New Directions – continued	Extended task that brings
		Students will:	together learning of
		Know	curriculum content in
		 About common trends in twentieth century music such as the use of different tonalities, chromaticism, dissonance and extremes of pitch and dynamics 	year 7 – 9: Performance Composition &
		 How composers use unusual and experimental timbres, sonorities, sounds and instruments within their work. 	Improvisation
		Understand	
		 How composers develop compositions from small starting points: motifs/cells or note/tone rows, 	
		 How these can be extended, developed and varied using musical devices such as augmentation, diminution, retrograde, inversion and retrograde inversion. 	
		Be able to	
		 Explore and use minimalist musical devices in their own performances, improvisations and compositions 	
		 Compose a structured composition in a 'minimalist' style. 	
	1	Unit title: Unit 1 Performance Introduction	Short and Long answer
40		This unit develops students understanding of the music industry with a view to getting work in and	questions on topics
10		using the organisations that exist. They learn about the various business practices within the	studied to date
		industry and the range of job opportunities that exist. They need to understand how the industry	
		operates for the individual entrepreneurs, sole traders, partnerships and small organisations that	
		predominate.	
		Students will:	

	 Know about purpose, impact, space, resources, audience etc. as well as undertaking background research on the selected performance repertoire, covering the original creator, the style/genre, the social/historical context, themes etc. know about health and safety in the workplace and the responsibility of venues to ensure the health and safety of the audience Understand how different briefs could affect the outcome – what would make a good/bad response to a brief in terms of content? Why? Understand the sort of research needed before deciding on the repertoire they will perform? Be able to make links with other jobs and organisations in the music industry and apply their knowledge to different musical scenarios Unit title: Unit 2 Composition Introduction Students will: Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument. Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills 	
	 effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the rehearsal of an ensemble piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	
2	 Unit title: The Music Industry Students will: Know about production and promotion companies in the music industry and the type of work each undertakes Understand the organisations within production and promotion in terms of who does what, why it is done and when it is done for new music products. Be able to make links between production and promotion, know how each activity is a crucial part in the process and apply their knowledge to different musical scenarios 	Mock Exam 1

	Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Ensemble 1	
	 Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument. Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to a performance of an ensemble piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	BTEC Music Unit 5, Ensemble Performance 1
3	 Unit title: The Music Industry Students will: Know about different service companies and agencies in the music industry and the type of work each undertakes Understand how their products support the music industry and why they are important and the pros and cons for musicians of working with agencies. Understand the issues that unions are skilled in resolving and supporting. Be able to make links with other jobs and organisations in the music industry and apply their knowledge to different musical scenarios 	Mock Exam 2
	 Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Solo Students will: Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument. Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the rehearsal of a solo piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	
4	Unit title Music Industry: Unions/service companies/ Agencies/professional organisations Students will:	Mock Exam 3

- Know how organisations interrelate and why these relationships are important
- Understand the wider range of personnel within the music industry in terms of who they
 are, what their areas of interest is, why their organisations exist and when they might be
 needed by others working in the music industry.
- Be able to make links with other jobs and organisations in the music industry and apply their knowledge to different musical scenarios

Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Solo Students will:

- Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument.
- Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that
 they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse
 effectively, demonstrating personal management skills
- Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the rehearsal of a solo
 piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas
 for development

5 Unit title: The Music industry

Students will:

- Know performance/creative roles, management and promotion roles, recording roles, media and other roles, how and why workers are employed in the industry
- Understand Job roles from different areas of the music industry and the responsibilities of each role - who is responsible for what activity, why and how are things done and what are the advantages and disadvantages of relying on individuals for individual services in relation to the key stages of the production timeline.
- Be able to make links with other jobs and organisations in the music industry and apply their knowledge to different musical scenarios

Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Solo Students will:

• Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument.

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		 Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the performance of a solo piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	BTEC Music Unit 5, Solo Performance 2
	6	 Unit title: Managing a Music Product - Introduction Students will: Know how to plan a musical product. Understand the music industry requires teamwork at all levels of operation and they must support others to achieve to their full potential. Be able to demonstrate the necessary skills for the planning of a live concert, CD, or other music product. 	
		 Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Ensemble 2 Students will: Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument. Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the rehearsal of a contrasting ensemble piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	
11	1	 Unit title: Managing a Music Product - Planning Students will: Know how to plan and promote a musical product and the importance of team-working skills and personal management Understand their defined role and apply the specialist skills, knowledge and understanding required for the aspect of the work for which they are responsible. The music industry requires teamwork at all levels of operation and they must support others to achieve to their full potential. 	BTEC Music Unit 2, assignment 2: Assessment of promotion for the musical product

• Be able to demonstrate the necessary skills for the planning and promotion of a live concert, CD, or other music product.

Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Ensemble 2 Students will:

- Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument.
- Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills
- Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the rehearsal of a contrasting ensemble piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development

Unit title: Composition: Assignment 1 - 4 musical extracts Students will:

- Know a range of compositional techniques and produce contrasting musical ideas to develop their compositional expertise.
- Understand that a musical idea might take the form of a short melodic motif, a chord progression or a rhythmic idea and the different ways in which these ideas could form the basis for a complete piece of music.
- Be able to explore creative stimuli to meet a brief and compose four musical extracts

2 Unit title: Managing a Music Product - completion Students will:

- Know how to plan, deliver, promote and evaluate a musical product.
- Understand their defined role and apply the specialist skills, knowledge and understanding required for the aspect of the work for which they are responsible. The music industry requires teamwork at all levels of operation, and they must support others to achieve to their full potential.
- Be able to demonstrate the necessary skills for the delivery and evaluation of a live concert, CD, or other music product.

BTEC Music Unit 2, assignment 1,3,4: Assessment of Music Product

 Unit title: Introducing Music Performance - Ensemble 2 Students will: Know how to develop their technical music performance techniques in relation to their singing voice or chosen musical instrument. Understand interpretive skills and stylistic qualities relevant to the music material, so that they can use them to improve their technique. Understand how to warm up and rehearse effectively, demonstrating personal management skills Be able to apply the skills they have explored and developed to the performance of a contrasting ensemble piece of music. They must review their own practice, identifying their strengths and areas for development 	BTEC Music Unit 5, Ensemble Performance 2
 Unit title: Composition: Assignment 1 - 4 musical extracts Students will: Know a range of compositional techniques and produce contrasting musical ideas to develop their compositional expertise. Understand that a musical idea might take the form of a short melodic motif, a chord progression or a rhythmic idea and the different ways in which these ideas could form the basis for a complete piece of music. Be able to explore creative stimuli to meet a brief and compose four musical extracts 	BTEC Music Unit 4, assignment 1
 Unit title: Composition Assignment 2 - Development of 2 musical extracts Students will: Know a range of compositional techniques and produce contrasting musical ideas to develop their compositional expertise. Understand how to use compositional techniques such as: repetition, sequence, decoration, variation, modulation, changing tonality, transposition, use of contrast, transformations, cut and paste techniques, instrumentation, textures, chord voicings/inversions Be able to take ideas further than experimentation and exploration, extending and developing two of their musical ideas showing use of compositional techniques. 	BTEC Music Unit 4, assignment 2

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4 Unit title: Composition Assignment 3 - Final Composition Students will:

- Know techniques commonly used to shape musical ideas into full compositions.
- Understand block structures (binary, ternary, rondo, arch, ground bass), style, introductions, codas, song structures, effective use of repetition and contrast, pace, contrasts, balancing repetition and change.
- Be able to develop one of their extended musical ideas into a fully completed composition.

Unit title: Composition Assignment 4 - Presentation of Final Composition Students will:

- Know how to present their compositions using an appropriate format to ensure clarity and support communication of musical ideas to others.
- Understand and use as appropriate any of the following:
 - > conventions of particular styles, genres (recordings, MIDI and audio files)
 - > Standard notation, e.g. scores, parts
 - > tab, e.g. guitar, drum, bass etc
 - graphic notation
 - lead sheet
 - chord chart
 - accepted graphic notations
 - > technological solutions such as online and apps.
- Be able to record and present their composition in the appropriate format with clarity and accuracy

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