

Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Link to NC subject content	Prior learning	Assessment	Next link in curriculum
Theory:	Autumn	• Recap of basic terms such as root, 3 rd ,5 th and understanding	Use staff and other relevant notations	Staff Notation Major/minor keys	Written work Verbal	Create more notationally
Recap of prior learning		 their meaning; understanding their role in a triad Identify and discriminate between major and minor chords aurally Construction of major/minor 	appropriately and accurately	Chords Use of extended chords and harmony	questioning Short regular tests Retrieval (WB)	accurate scores for final composition submissions (may use software) Use more complex
		 triads Understanding the term 'interval' Retrieval of tone/semitone knowledge 				keys for different effects in GCSE composition
		 Understanding primary chords Extended chords and their construction Using this knowledge in a practical context e.g. composing/dictation/analysis 				Continue independent identification of keys in Year 11 using scores for set pieces more quickly
		 Recognise key signatures more efficiently Introduce scales - different types Intervals - practice how to work them out both visually and aurally 				Use interval recognition for dictation exercises in Year 11 – again – faster identification due to practice
						More fluent score analysis in Year 11



Area of Study 3: Music for Stage and Screen – Wider Listening and Analysis	Autumn	 General context of the genre Begin full and detailed analysis of scores and annotate Identifying chords and harmony in the music/on the score Understanding the effect of the instrumentation of the music and also the effect of timbre Understand compositional techniques and structures used by composers in this AoS and identifying sections and repeated material Identifying characteristics of the genre that can be found in the set works 	Develop a deepening understanding of the music and its history	Notation for analysing the score Previous context {e.g. Film music Year 9 and Musical Theatre Year 8) Elements Aural recognition of characteristics	Informal verbal questioning Listening questions 3 points on specific elements e.g. harmony (homework) Specimen questions	Year 11 – embedding and reinforcing knowledge from score analysis in order to answer listening questions more accurately and at a faster pace
Suggested Composition: Song from a Musical	Autumn	 Using the knowledge from both the context and theory (chords/harmony/effects) to create a short song suitable for a musical Always apply knowledge in a practical context Develop confidence in composing – take more risks with harmonies/ become more proficient at successful word setting 	Improvise and compose, develop musical ideas. Use different types of scales	Notation Knowledge of relevant genres to use as models Improvisation Technology	Staff assessment	Year 11 – revisit composition with a view to submitting after redrafting and adding features such as an extra voice in harmony; or redrafting 'Space' composition to fit the 'composition to a given brief' Year 11 composition – use 'tools' from knowledge in independent composition



Area of Study 1: Instrumental Music – Wider Listening and Analysis	Autumn	 Reinforcing the standard orchestra set up Identifying the Baroque, Classical and Romantic orchestras Remembering the development of key signatures and major/minor keys Practical use of notation through performance of typical stylistic pieces Using a minor key and embedding knowledge of accidentals 	Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers/musicians from different musical eras Play and perform confidently Use different types of scales	Previous genres (e.g. Baroque in Year 8 and Classical/Romantic in Year 9) Notation Key signatures	Verbal questioning 3 points on each element Use of vocab Specimen questions	Year 11 - analysing Bach and Beethoven and different musical eras and recognising the development of instruments
Suggested Composition: Instrumental composition in Ternary Form	Autumn	 Creating symmetrical melodic phrases Using harmonic knowledge to create endings for sections on appropriate chords (e.g. tonic/dominant) Understanding the structure of ternary form Composing music to a given structure Sharing ideas Using wider chord knowledge to create an accompaniment Performing together Extending their composition for instruments 	Improvise and compose; and extend and develop musical ideas. Play and perform confidently in a range of solo and ensemble contexts using their voice, playing instruments with accuracy and expression	Notation Ternary form (Year 9) Chords/cadences Extended chords Performance skills Technology	Staff assessment and feedback	Year 11 – AOS Instrumental Music composition Developing knowledge of writing parts for a variety of instruments Differentiating between timbres



Area of Study 4 – Fusions: Wider Listening and Analysis	Spring	 Learn about the fusion of folk styles from the UK with African and rock influences Retrieve and embed vocabulary re: world music Listen to other sounds of vernacular instruments in the piece Further develop ability to identify certain features relevant to folk music/world music 	Identify use of tonalities, different types of scales. Develop a deeper understanding of the music which they perform, listen, and its history Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music.	Folk genre (Year 7) World music (Year 7-9) Rock (year 9 dev of pop) Timbres of instruments Notation Rhythm Ostinato Scales	Verbal questioning 3 points on a specific element Specimen questions Use of new vocab	Year 11 – reinforce vocabulary and knowledge of instruments/styles in set piece Utilise ideas and techniques in independent composition where appropriate
Area of Study 2: Vocal Music - Wider Listening and Analysis	Spring	 Recognising different genres of vocal music and their historical context/function e.g.20th century v Baroque Improving melody writing and word setting Using music technology in more recent examples Developing usage of knowledge of appropriate musical vocabulary for each genre Composing a melody for lyrics and improving word setting Developing performance in an ensemble Using notation knowledge to create a score 	Develop a deepening understanding.	Genres from Years 7-9 (e.g. folk,pop,rock) Musical eras (e.g. Baroque/20 th Century) Elements Notation Compositional techniques (e.g.ground bass from Year 8/ostinato Year7) Retrieval of relevant vocabulary Chords/extended chords Technology	As above	Year 11 – analysing vocal music scores and identifying compositional techniques/music technology in the set works



Performance: Individual perfomance	Once every half term	Prepare an individual performance for assessment	Play and perform confidently. Use staff notation in a range of musical styles	Notation Performance skills	Formal written staff assessment with verbal discussion per pupil	
Theory: Recap of prior learning and further theory (as the need arises during analysis)	Every term	 Recap of basic terms such as root, 3rd,5th and understanding their meaning; understanding their role in a triad Identify and discriminate between major and minor chords aurally Construction of major/minor triads Understanding the term 'interval' Retrieval of tone/semitone knowledge Understanding primary chords Extended chords and their construction Using this knowledge in a practical context e.g. composiong/dictation/analysis Recognise key signatures more efficiently and learn more Intervals – practice how to work them out both visually and aurally 	Use staff and other relevant notations, appropriately and accurately	Staff Notation Major/minor keys Chords Use of extended chords and harmony	Exercises WB Written work	Create more notationally accurate scores for final composition submissions (may use software) Use more complex keys for different effects in GCSE composition Continue independent identification of keys in Year 11 using scores for set pieces more quickly Use interval recognition for dictation exercises in Year 11 – again – faster identification due to practice



Recap of topics and retrieval	Summer	Retrieval of vocabulary	All relevant	Specimen	More fluent score analysis in Year 11 Year 11- embed
of knowledge Examination	Summer	 associated with different genres Revision of theoretical skills Practice of aural recognition in a variety of genres/topics GCSE questions based on the 	knowledge from KS3	questions Examination	background, context and a wide range of listening in all 4 study areas in revision for analysis
		 topics studied throughout the year testing the vocabulary and skills learned re: the set works Prepare a piece for performance to be formally assessed Review of all 3 components with staff 		marked by staff	Practice of GCSE questions and skills learned Preparation for performing in front of an audience pre-
Post Examination: Composition/Performance				Final draft of free composition marked by staff and verbal /written feedback	GCSE recording Feedback and self analysis of performance in order to move forward.

