





Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Link to NC subject content	Prior learning	Assessment	Next link in curriculum
Chords	Autumn	 Construction of a triad Using terms such as root, 3rd,5th and understanding their meaning 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 Adding an extra note to create an extended chord Using this knowledge in a practical context 	Use staff and other relevant notations appropriately and accurately	From Year 7: Notation skills Tone and semitone 'Chord'	WB Written exercises Verbal questioning Visual assessment of use of chords on keyboard NNK	Year 9 – Minuet composition Chords essential to composing in Year 10 – 11 also
Blues	Autumn	 Learning the historical context of this style Recognition of 12 bar Blues chord pattern whilst listening to a variety of music using this pattern Ability to play this pattern on keyboard/guitar Understanding how pitches are altered in a Blues scale Using this scale to improvise a melody 	Develop a deepening understanding of the music and its history Play and perform confidently.	From Year 7: Notation skills Accidentals Semitone Keyboard/performance skills	Informal regular assessment of correct pattern by staff Use of blue notes in melody Use of other given patterns Formal written test of knowledge	Year 9 – AOS Vocal music
Paired 12 Bar Blues Composition	Autumn	 Using the above knowledge to create a Blues piece Understanding lyrics pattern Applying knowledge in a practical context Develop confidence in performing 	Improvise and compose, develop musical ideas. Use different types of scales	From Year 7: Rhythm Pitch Vocal techniques	Formal written assessment by staff	Year 9 - AOS Vocal music
MTTA Part 2: Tudor Music	Autumn	 Learning about early instruments, sounds and styles Studying the development of independent music for instruments e.g. dance music 	Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers/musicians	From Year 7: Discriminating between elements Instruments in the Modern Symphony Orchestra	Listening questions	Year 8 - precursor to the Baroque period







MTTA Part 2 cont	Spring	 Using the term 'strophic' Practical use of notation through performance Using a minor key and embedding knowledge of accidentals Developing performance skills 	Play and perform confidently. Use different types of scales Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers/musicians Play and perform confidently. Use different types of scales	From year 7: Notation skills Keyboard skills Accidentals Major/minor	Formal assessment by staff of performance Listening test	Year 8 - precursor to the Baroque period Year 9 preparation for the Classical and Romantic eras
Musical Theatre	Spring	 Appreciating different styles from different eras of the musical Researching context Recognising effects and how they are achieved Creating a song within a small group Sharing ideas Using chord knowledge to create a simple accompaniment Performing together 	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	From year 7: Discriminating between elements Notation Vocal techniques From Year 8: Chord construction Performance skills	Formal individual assessment by staff Written test on NNK	Year 9:Music through the ages, composition
: Film Music	Spring	 Understanding 'music for film and its context/function Identifying examples Listening to characteristics and identifying effects aurally Using sounds and effects to create incidental music to a short clip Composing a melodic themes Developing performance Using notation knowledge if appropriate 	Improvise and compose by drawing on a range of musical structures, styles and traditions Use staff notation.	From Year 7: Discriminating between elements aurally Keyboard skills Melody Notation	Peer assessment Written feedback from staff	Year 9 – scoring a composition, GCSE – Music for Stage and Screen







Notation and Context Retrieval	Summe r	 Draw on previous knowledge from topics Identify characteristics aurally Apply knowledge in a formal examination 	Use staff and other relevant notations. Identify use of tonalities, different types of scales. Develop a deeper understanding of the music which they perform, listen, and its history	From Year 7: All notation Aural discrimination of elements Instruments of the orchestra From year 8: Chords Blues Tudor music Baroque music Film music Musical Theatre	Formal examination marked by staff	Year 9 – musical context/history and composition
			Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music.			
Performance: Cover Song	Summe r	 Group choice – discuss Ability to source own materials Enable participation in a mixed musical ability group Rehearse effectively Appreciate balance within ensemble Perform confidently 	Play and perform confidently using their voice, playing instruments fluently, and with accuracy and expression	From Year 7: Vocal techniques Interpreting notation in performance From Year 8: Chords Ensemble techniques	Peer assessment Feedback from staff	Year 9 – all performance activities