

Subject: Music Year Group: 8

Time Period	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1
Content	The Blues Improvisation Ensemble Blues performance of the 12 bar blues The historical context of The Blues Chords in inversion	 Major/Minor To gain an understanding of major and minor keys, the difference between them and their role in Western Classical music. To know the triads in major and minor keys and how to construct them. To be able to identify individual instruments and instrumental ensembles in Western Classical music. To be able to construct a melody from the notes of given triads. 	Reggae: One Love To understand the importance of pulse in Reggae. To understand the religious significance of Rastafarianism. To understand the structure of Reggae. To gain an understanding of context; occasions for which reggae was composed, instruments used. To be able to identify individual instruments. To understand the context and meaning of lyrics.
Skills	 Understand and use improvisation Know the 12 bar blues sequence Play chords using good technique Use the sequence to create a performance Develop performance skills on an instrument of their choice Develop ensemble performance skills 	 Learn Frere Jacques major and minor versions. Listen to Mahler 1 and identify differences and similarities to Frere Jacques. Discuss major/minor use. Identify instruments in Mahler 1. Compose music using minor and major scales. Learn how to play major triads and minor triads. Listen to and sing examples of pop songs and identify use of major and minor chords. 	 Listen to examples of marches eg. One Love, Little Birds and Just My Imagination; analyse instrumentation, lyrics and tonality. Identify contexts of Reggae. Learn and perform One Love in pairs with the possibility of moving to bands.

	Improvisation: Lesson 3 Performance of the 12 bar blues:	Perform own composition: Lesson 5	Perform One Love: Lesson 5/6
Key Questions	group?	 Compose chord sequence using major and minor chords and a melody to be played with the sequence. What is the difference between major and minor chords and keys? Can I recognise tonality by ear? How do I work in an effective pair? How can I include major and minor chords in my own music? 	 How do I work effectively with my group? What makes a good performance?

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Time Period	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Content		Variations Listen to Mozart's Variations on Ah Dirais-je Mamam. Identify the changes and how these have been made. Learn to play theme of Twinkle Twinkle. Identify suitable themes for variation, considering simplicity of theme. Listen to Elgar's Enigma Variations and discuss characterization through music. Choose own theme and compose set of variations on theme. Perform and appraise.	 Music in Advertising To understand how music can enhance the impact of a visual by creating a mood or setting a scene. To be able to recognise the use of timbre, texture, tonality and melodic content in jingles. To be able to take part in the making of a short film / product presentation and compose music to accompany it.
		Revision for Summer Exam	
Skills		 To understand the terms variation and theme and variations. To know how an original melody can be changed by: adding/taking away notes decorating it changing the tempo, style, dynamics, voicing, instrumentation, harmony, rhythm, key inverting it playing it backwards To be able to aurally recognise change/variation. To be able to create a variation or set of variations on a given theme and notate own work. 	 Listen to examples of radio jingles and discuss in terms of timbre, texture, and melodic content. Discuss use of pre-existing music such as pop songs, classical music and Minimalism in promoting products, eg. Orange, British Gas, Singstar, Eurostar. Watch selection of TV adverts/ extracts of documentaries and discuss musical content. Compose and perform jingle for advert. Discuss and Appraise

Key Questions	How can I change an original piece? Does my piece include a range of changes? Are my variations effective?	What makes effective music for advertising? Do specific tonalities and instruments impact effectiveness?
Assessment week and content	Performance of Variations: Lesson 4 Summer Exam	Performance of Advert: Lesson 5/6