KS3 MUSIC CURRICULUM MAP (2023-2024)

	AUTUMN 1 (Sep-Oct)	AUTUMN 2 (Nov- Dec)	SPRING 1 & 2 (Jan-Apr)	SUMMER 1 & 2 (May-Jul)
YEAR 7	Rhythm Works - Understanding the basics of rhythmic notation - Body Percussion practical activities - Using samba percussion to perform rhythmic pieces - Composing rhythmic pieces	 Classroom Orchestra Addition of reading pitches on treble and bass clef Application of notation knowledge to learn a suitable instrumental part of classical piece Performing within a classroom orchestra Focus on performing with musicality Recognising orchestral instruments and their timbres Introduction to classical musical structures 	 All About Chords Whole class singing activities to build confidence in using voice and bring into group performance work Understanding basic chord theory Use of chord sequences within popular music genres Developing good technique on the ukulele to play clear sounding chords and defined strumming patterns Further development of ensemble skills and building in greater independence away from classroom Building of different chord shapes on piano – link between chord shape and stave notation Extension for some onto acoustic guitars Developing ability to critique own performance and make appropriate improvements 	Folk Song - Focus on different forms of Musical Accompaniments to accompany traditional Folk Songs in different ways, showing an awareness of intervals and the Harmony created Developing understanding of different textural layers and form and structure of Folk Songs Know some of the different instruments, timbres and sonorities often used in the performance of Folk Music Bring together notation and chord boxes through use of lead sheets as a medium to learn songs. Students will understand and use the different musical information given on a lead sheet and available musical resources in creating an effective Musical Arrangement of a Folk Song - Learning about and hearing different types of folk music - Folk Song, Work Song, Sea Shanty, Jigs & Reels
	A WEEK: 4 Lessons B WEEK: 3 Lessons	A WEEK: 3 Lessons B WEEK: 4 Lessons	A WEEK: 6 Lessons B WEEK: 6 Lessons	A WEEK: 7 Lessons B WEEK: 6 Lessons
SKILLS	 ✓ Co-ordination & Playing ✓ Pulse ✓ Performance ✓ Ensemble Skills ✓ Reading notation ✓ Listening & Appraising ✓ Composing 	 ✓ Co-ordination & Playing ✓ Pulse ✓ Performance ✓ Ensemble Skills ✓ Reading notation ✓ Listening & Appraising ✓ Musicality ✓ Critical Engagement ✓ Tonality 	 ✓ Co-ordination & Playing ✓ Pulse ✓ Performance ✓ Ensemble Skills ✓ Reading notation (Chord Boxes & Stave) ✓ Listening & Appraising ✓ Musicality ✓ Critical Engagement ✓ Tonality ✓ Independence ✓ Confidence in Singing ✓ Vocal Technique 	 ✓ Co-ordination & Playing ✓ Performance ✓ Ensemble Skills ✓ Reading notation (Lead Sheets) ✓ Listening & Appraising ✓ Musicality ✓ Critical Engagement ✓ Confidence in singing ✓ Modal tonality ✓ Harmony and Accompaniment
SONGS & PIECES	 e We Don't Talk About Bruno – Encanto e Traditional Brazilian Samba (Batucada) e Body Percussion Play-a-long videos 	e Haydn – Trumpet Concerto e Beethoven e Mozart	e Shotgun / Green Green Grass – George Ezra e Watermelon Sugar / As It Was – Harry Styles e Ho Hey! – The Lumineers e Best Day of My Life – American Authors e Bad Habits – Ed Sheeran e Wonderful World – Sam Cooke e I Feel Good – James Brown (Update each year with any current songs that work)	e The Wellerman e Baby in the Band (MZ Suggestion – need to find artist) e Drunken Sailor e Scarborough Fair e Kooley's Reel & Kesh Jig (Traditional Folk) e Folk fusion artists – Mumford & Sons, Joni Mitchell, Afro Celt Sound System,

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YEAR 8	West African Music Recapping of rhythmic notation Developing ability to read and play more complex & syncopated rhythms Whole class Djembe drumming workshops Focus on playing techniques and timbres produced on Djembes Learning through Oral Tradition Composing West African inspired rhythmic pieces in groups Understanding and playing polyrhythms Use of pentatonic scales in melody and vocals Introduction to improvisation using pentatonic scale Listening and appraising of different styles and instruments from across the African continent Wider influence of African artists and musical features on Western Music A WEEK: 7 Lessons B WEEK: 7 Lessons	Spirituals & The Blues - History of early Blues music in America - Introduction to spirituals and their influence on 20th Century Blues music - Developing singing skills and building in part singing and performing with greater sense of feeling - Basic guitar chords and reading guitar chord boxes - Wider discussion on race/BLM/segregation, civil rights - Group or individual performance using voices and guitar - Improvisation using Blues scale on guitar/piano (extension) A WEEK: 2/3 Lessons B WEEK: 3 Lessons	Rhythm & Blues - History & context of the development of Blues into R&B and its influence on Rock & Roll - Development of guitar skills – additional chords and playing riffs - Reading of Guitar Tab for individual melody lines as well as chord boxes - Stylistic ways of playing blues chords on piano – addition of 7ths, walking bass line - Further discussion on race/BLM/segregation, appropriation - 12 Bar Blues chord sequence and structure – understanding use of I, IV, V - Further building of confidence to improvise stylistically over 12 Bar Blues chords	 Some have done Minimalism Understanding the importance of ostinatos & cyclical rhythms Introduction to important 20th century composers and development of Western Classical Music Application of key features in composition Listening & Appraising of set works to inspire composition work Instrumental technique and musicality in performance using tuned percussion (whole class) Understanding and identifying polyphony and layering techniques Some have done some Rock and Roll 	Song covers Quizzes Planning a Festival A WEEK: 4 Lessons B WEEK: 3 Lessons
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SONGS & PIECES	 e Live performances of djembe/drumming ensembles from West Africa e Pansa Pansa – Fela Kuti e Oumou Sangaré – Djoukourou e Chamber Music - Ballake Sissoko And Vincent 	e Clapping Music – Steve Reich e Three Movements for Orchestra (Part 1) – Steve Reich e Music for 18 Musicians – Steve	e Roll Jordan Roll – Spiritual e Wade in the Water - Spiritual	e Hound Dog – Big Mama Thornton/Elvis Presley e Dust My Broom – Elmore James e Got My Mojo Workin' – John Lee Hooker	e Get Back e Hey Jude e Come Together e I Saw Her Standing There e Here Comes the Sun

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YEAR 9	 Film Music Understanding use of Leitmotifs in film music Identifying different types of musical texture Analysing how composers use different musical elements and techniques to create a sense of mood and occasion – tonality, timbre/orchestration Use of key intervals (5th, 4th, Octave) within melodies to represent heroes Use of key intervals (minor 2nd, minor 3rd, tritone) within melodies to represent villains Learn key vocabulary linked to composing for film – underscore, hit points, main theme, etc. Spotlight on key film composers of 20th & 21st Century Keyboard skills – Initially learning to play famous film themes to practically explore and experience key musical elements - (intervals, major/minor chords etc). Music technology skills – composing music for a chosen film clip using Logic Pro X. Applying understanding of key film music features. 	Reggae History and context of Reggae Music against the backdrop of other Popular music styles in the 20 th Century Identifying the musical differences between subgenres – Ska & Rocksteady & Dub Understanding and applying key features of Reggae through listening and practical music – off beat / drumming style, heavy bass line Development of playing skills on ukulele and guitar with more advanced strumming patterns Development of ensemble skills to play and perform together with a range of instrumental parts	 Protest Songs History and context of protest songs in Popular Music styles – Reggae, Soul, Rock, Folk, Hip HOp Application of knowledge of chords and harmony to compose own chord sequences Lyric writing and linking to choice of own topic for protest song Decision making in how to arrange own song for ensemble Analysing key features of melody in example protest songs and applying to own compositions 	Mario Kart Song covers Quizzes Planning a Festival WEEK A: 4 Lessons WEEK B: 3 Lessons
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SONGS & PIECES	e Star Wars Episode IV Theme – John Williams e Jurrasic Park Theme – John Williams e Indiana Jones Theme – John Williams e Batman Theme – Danny Elfman e Avengers Theme – Alan Silvestri e Wonderwoman Theme – Hans Zimmer e Superman Theme – Hans Zimmer e Joker Theme – Hans Zimmer e Bram Stoker's Dracula Theme – Wojciech Kilar e Catwoman Transformation – DannyElfman	 e Three Little Birds – Bob Marley e I Shot the Sherriff – Bob Marley e Funky Kingston – Toots & the Maytals e Rudy, A Message to You – Dandy Livingstone e I'm Still in Love – Alton Ellis e Uptown - King Tubby Meets Rockers 	 e Get Up Stand Up – Bob Marley e Wake Up Everybody – Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes e War – Edwin Starr e What's Goin' On – Marvin Gaye e Strange Fruit – Billie Holliday e Born in the USA – Bruce Springsteen e The Times They Are a Changing – Bob Dylan e Ghost Town – The Specials e Imagine – John Lennon e Grandmaster Flash – The Message 	 e Students own choice – weekly class listening guided by students e Weekly performances of works in progress