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Departmen	t: Music	Year Group: 8				
Term	Topic/ subject	Assessment Objectives	Knowledge	Skills Include detail of any differentiation	Literacy, numeracy and SMSC opportunities	Final assessment task and title
Autumn 1	The Blues	Analyse and compare musical features (1) Compose music using chords, rhythms and structures (3) Have an awareness of my own contribution to a group performance (2)	History of blues music and its influence on western pop music 12-bar blues The blues scale Walking bassline Licks Blues lyrical content Chord I, IV & V	 Performance Composition Listening and Appraising 	Written task, descriptive writing and evaluation Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and rhythms paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience, slave trade, MOBO, social & cultural influences	 Written tsk Performance Composition
Autumn 2	Christmas Songs	Select and make use of timbre (2) Use sustaining and developing musical ideas to achieve different effects (3) Analyse how music reflects the contexts in which it is created (1)	 The major scale Chords I, II, IV & V Christmas song lyrical content Creating atmosphere in music 	Performance Composition Listening and Appraising Beat boxing Singing	Key words defined, descriptive writing and evaluation Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and rhythms Paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience	Written tsk Performance Composition
Spring 1	Programmatic Music	Use developing musical ideas to achieve the desired effect (3) Make expressive use of the elements of music to create different effects (3) Make improvements to own work and suggest to others (1)	 Motifs and themes Chromatacism Intervals Tension in music 	 Performance Composition Listening and Appraising Improvising Call and response 	Key words defined, descriptive writing and evaluation Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and rhythms Paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience,	Written tskPerformanceComposition
Spring 2	Musicals	Compose in different genres and styles (3) Use harmonic and non-harmonic devices in compositions (3) Make suitable adjustments to your performance (1 & 2)	 The types of song in musicals and their function Melodic and compositional techniques used in musicals The history of musicals 	 Performance Composition Listening and Appraising Scales Singing in character 	Key words defined, descriptive writing and evaluation, Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and rhythms Paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience, social & cultural influences	Written tskPerformanceComposition
Summer 1	Musical Futures Project – In at the deep end	Select and make expressive use of dynamics and phrasing (2 & 3) Make critical judgements	Basic and advanced instrumental techniques Band (group) rehearsal and performance skills Performance and stage	 Performance Composition Listening and Appraising Keyboard fingering techniques Chords 	Key words defined, descriptive writing and evaluation, Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and	Performance Written evaluation

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		about use of musical conventions (1)	presence Interpretation in music Stylistic awareness		rhythms • Paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience, social and economic influences on instrumentation and music	
Summer 2	Musical Futures Project - MUSE	Select and make expressive use of dynamics and phrasing (2&3) Make critical judgements about use of musical conventions (1) Perform from notation (2)	Basic and advanced instrumental techniques Band (group) rehearsal and performance skills Performance and stage presence Interpretation in music Stylistic awareness	 Performance Composition Listening and Appraising Chord shape and fingering techniques 	 Key words defined, descriptive writing and evaluation Counting beats in a bar and calculating note lengths and rhythms Paired/group work, listening to others perform, being an audience, , social and economic influences on instrumentation and music 	Performance Written evaluation