S Birchwood High School

## Music KS3 & KS4 Curriculum Map 2023.2024

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
7	Topic: Singing Skills Singing – understanding the voice, developing range, pitch and expression, singing a range of music in focusing on unison and basic parts. Understanding our voice and the importance of warm ups and confidence singing melodies in parts and rounds. On going Listening Skills throughout the year_developing understanding of key terms - Dynamics Italian terms Tempo Italian terms Instrumentation. Melody and rhythm Articulation Italian term. Other Music elements	Topic: Building Keyboard skills and basic theory. Keyboard skills 1 – focus on developing 1 hand technique and reading treble and bass. 2 handed extension activities for those who already play the keyboard. Theory skills developing an understanding through keyboard skills Lessons include - Treble Clef Bass clef Metre – 3 and 4's Duration and rhythm – 1, ½, ¼ and 1/8 note length Bars and bar lines Duration and rhythm Sol-fa and rhythmic syllables Beethoven – Ode To Joy Great composer link - Beethoven	Topic: Peter and The Wolf Composition skills – learning to create a melody with shape in a major or minor key using notation software. Lessons include - Listening Skills Instruments of the Orchestra Composition Sibelius software Melody Writing Elements of Music – tonality, melody, pitch Prokofiev – Peter and the Wolf Great composer link – Prokofeiv	<ul> <li><u>Topic: Singing Skills and Ukuleles</u></li> <li>Ukulele skills – developing basic chord positions and revisiting singing.</li> <li>Lessons include - <ul> <li>Ukulele Skills</li> <li>Reading tab</li> <li>Chords</li> <li>Ukulele and singing group performance</li> </ul> </li> <li>Singing Skills – returning to singing with a focus on singing in 2 parts</li> </ul>	Topic:Building Keyboard skills and basic theory.Keyboard skills 2 – focus on developing 2 hand technique and reading treble and bass. 2 handed extension activities for those who already play the keyboard.Theory skills developing an understanding through keyboard skills.Lessons include -Treble ClefBass clefMetre – 3 and 4'sDuration and rhythm – 1, ½, ¼ and 1/8 note lengthBars and bar linesDuration and rhythmSol-fa and rhythmic syllables Beethoven – Ode To JoyGreat composer link - Beethoven	Topic: Horror Music Composition skills – learning to create chromatic ostinatos using software. Lessons include - Listening Skills Composition Cubase Ostinato Dissonance Elements of Music – texture, dynamics, tonality, pitch, timbre Bernard Herman Great composer link – Bernard Herman Year 7 Listening Skills Assessment.
	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.	Mid point Feedback and end of unit assessment.
8	Topic:Musical TheatreSinging - A return to sining with a focus on 2 parts, understanding the voice, developing range, pitch and expression, singing a range of music in parts and within the Musical Theatre genre•Developing an understanding of the different 'ages' of Musical Theatre using key words to describe.•Developing the range, expression of the voice.•Developing the range, expression of the voice.•Developing singing in parts as a whole class and groups.Great composer link - Leonard Bernstein	Topic: Remix Composition skills – learning use ICT sampling to create 'remixes' and developing an understanding of remixing. Remixing skills using ICT Composition Cubase/ Ableton Listening Skills Elements of Music – texture, tempo, dynamics, timbre Creating beats Creating chords Creating Bass lines Editing audio	<ul> <li>Topic: Djembe and Keyboard Skills</li> <li>Performing skills – developing rhythmic skills using Djembe.</li> <li>History/ social context of Djembe in Africa.</li> <li>Djembe Performing Skills</li> <li>Ensemble Skills</li> <li>Texture key terms – homorhythms, polyrhythms</li> <li>Elements of music – rhythm, texture</li> </ul> Topic: Keyboard Skills Keyboard skills – returning to keyboard skills focusing on revision of year 7	<ul> <li>Topic: Variations</li> <li>Composition skills – Using Sibelius to develop Twinkle Twinkle for piano.</li> <li>Developing a melody to create your own Theme and Variations</li> <li>Composition <ul> <li>Sibelius</li> <li>Listening Skills</li> <li>Elements of Music – texture, tempo, dynamics, timbre</li> </ul> </li> <li>Great composers link – Mozart, Beethoven</li> </ul>	Topic:Blues, Jazz and BoogieKeyboard Skills - developing left and right hand keyboard skills within the Jazz/Blues genre. Building on skills from year 7.• Chords • 12 Bar Blues • Improvisation – pentatonic scales • Walking bass lines/ Boogie Woogie Bass • I V IV chord progression • Lois ArmstrongGreat composer link – Lois Armstrong, Miles DavisYear 8 Listening Skills Assessment.	Topic: Tom and Jerry Composition skills – learning to create musical ideas to accompany a cartoon. Film Music History/Cartoons Performing Skills/ Composition skills using ICT Listening Skills Great composer link – John Williams

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			work, 2 handed playing, reading treble and bass clef and basic notation skills.			
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9	Topic: _Music For DanceComposition skills - melody/ chord compositional techniques to develop creativity.Performances skills lesson every 2 weeks - solo performances and 	Topic: Music For Dance continued	<ul> <li>Topic: Introduction to the Orchestra and film music.</li> <li>Performances skills lesson every 2 weeks - solo performances and ensemble performance.</li> <li>A focus on the instruments and timbres of the orchestra</li> <li>Developing an understanding of timbre and texture</li> <li>Instrumental ranges, timbres and techniques.</li> <li>Orchestral arrangement</li> <li>Understanding how musical elements create drama in film.</li> <li>Solo performances</li> </ul> Once fortnightly theory based lesson building GCSE level skills e.g. notation, time signatures, circle of 5ths, rhythm.	Topic: Introduction to the orchestra continued	<ul> <li>Topic: GCSE Prep Composition Skills – Song Writing</li> <li>Composition Skills – composing longer arrangements within the verse/ chorus structure using chords and melodies.</li> <li>Performances skills lesson every 2 weeks - solo performances and ensemble performance.</li> <li>Listening to songs focusing on their structure, harmony and melody.</li> <li>Developing writing for instruments and instrumental considerations.</li> <li>Developing ICT skills and performance skills where relevant.</li> <li>Developing understanding of textural writing.</li> </ul>	Topic: GCSE Prep Composition Skills – Song Writing continued Year 9 Listening Skills Assessment.
	Waltz and Disco feedback Listening skills feedback - Quiz	<ul> <li>Basic Theory assessment</li> <li>Listening skills assessment</li> <li>Performance assessment and feedback.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Instruments of the orchestra assessment</li> <li>Film composition feedback</li> <li>Solo performing</li> </ul>	Performance assessment	<ul> <li>Song composition assessment</li> <li>End of year 9 listening/ theory assessment</li> </ul>