

MUSIC Year 8 Curriculum End Points and Key Vocabulary

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Ethos Links	STEM: How music technology has allowed artists to create music quickly by utilising loops. Links to the effect of a repeated riff or ostinato on the listener so that it quickly becomes familiar and the use of this effect for commercial gain. Character: Questioning; Thinking; Creating; Planning & Organisation; Respect, Responsibility, Kindness.	Milton Keynes: MK Reggae Festival; Opportunities to hear local musicians and other Reggae artists locally. MK11 and other venues. STEM: Developments in technology that led to the unique "Reggae" sound. Sustainability: Content of lyrics in Reggae and how they often link to social injustices, the environment, and the world we live in. Character: Questioning; Thinking; Planning & Organisation; Respect, Responsibility & Kindness.	Milton Keynes: Opportunities to engage with classical music in MK. Character: Thinking; Perseverance; Learning from Mistakes; Problem Solving; Respect, Responsibility, Kindness.	Milton Keynes: Links to the Stables, local concerts, local jazz musicians. Cleo Laine. STEM: How the musical style developed as technological advancements affected music making in the Blues and Jazz. Sustainability: Understanding the impact of slavery on the style, and awareness of modern-day slavery issues. How blues music is often used as a mouthpiece for social issues such as sustainability. Character: Questioning; Thinking; Creating, Imagining; Perseverance; Respect, Responsibility, Kindness.	STEM: Technological advancements in the construction and development of bass instruments. Character: Society demands a sound that reflects personal and cultural expression creating a sense of identity and expression through a specific genre of music.	Milton Keynes: African cultures in Milton Keynes; AfRep festival; Past MK Arts Centre projects: "A Celebration of African Arts and Culture". Sustainability: Looking at the extent that African Music has influenced other genres of world, popular and "classical" music? Sustainable instrument making vs. mass produced instrument making. Music making in developing parts of the world. Character: Personal & Cultural expression. Evaluating, making links and applying knowledge, research; creating; Respect, Responsibility & Kindness.

	Hooks, Riffs and	Offbeat	Variations (From	All that Jazz	All about the Bass	Saharan Sounds
Learning End Points	Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos (From September 2023) (For September 2022 please see Year 7 "Folk Music" in Summer Term 2) By the end of this unit students will know and understand: The difference between a hook, riff, and ostinato. To be able to correct identify a hook, riff, and ostinato from hearing one. To understand what makes an effective riff, hook, or ostinato. To being to develop more analytical listening skills.	By the end of this unit students will know and understand: The stylistic conventions of Reggae music. How chords contribute to the texture of a song. The key features of a Reggae bass line. Syncopation and how it is used in Reggae music. The different layers that make up Reggae music. The key themes and style of Reggae lyrics.	Variations (From January 2024) (For January 2023 please see Year 7 "Form & Structure" in Spring Term 2) By the end of this unit students will know and understand: How the Elements of Music can be used and manipulated as a basic form of musical variation to an existing theme or melody. Compositional devices that can be changed or added to, to provide musical variation to an existing theme or melody. Variation Form as a type of musical	By the end of this unit students will know and understand: How Chords and Triads are performed, notated, and used in Jazz and Blues e.g., within a 12-bar Blues Chord Sequence. How to use Chords I, I7, IV, IV7, V & V7 in different ways e.g., as a Walking Bass Line. What makes an "effective" Jazz improvisation e.g., using the notes of the Blues Scale. Different types and styles of Jazz and instruments, timbres and sonorities within Jazz and Blues	By the end of this unit students will know and understand: How the Bass Clef is used as a form of musical notation. How to identify musical instruments and voices which use the Bass Clef. The construction of commonly used Bass Line Patterns, using these when performing and creating music. The importance of a Bass Line in terms of texture and harmony within a song or piece of music.	By the end of this unit students will know and understand: Musical conventions and processes in African music. Different rhythmic processes used in African music – cyclic rhythms, polyrhythms, syncopation and call and response and apply these to own composition and performance activities. Different African musical instruments. Characteristic musical features of African music.
V V	Repeat Repetition	Reggae Mento	Form and Structure. Melody Theme	music. 12-Bar Blues Blues Chord	Bass Line Bass Clef	Djembe Performance Technique:
Key Vocabulary	Repeat Symbol Hook	Ska Rock Steady Rastafarianism	Variation Variation Form Canon/Round	Sequence Blues Song Structure (AAB) Blues Scale	Bass Clef Staff Notation Stave	Bass Tone and Slap Sounds Improvisation

Melodic Hook	Lyrics	Ground Bass		Staff	
Rhythmic Hook	Offbeat	Pitch	Blues Song Lyrics;	Lines/Spaces	Textures:
Verbal Hook	Strong Beats	Tempo	Chords and Seventh	Pitch	Cyclic and
Riff	Weak Beats	Dynamics	Chords I, I7, IV, IV7, V	Musical Instruments	Polyrhythms
Ostinato	Syncopation	Texture	& V7	that use the Bass Clef	African
Treble Clef	Riffs	Counter Melody	Chord Vamps	The Bass Guitar	
Bass Clef		Timbre and Sonority	Improvisation		Musical Instruments:
Bass Line	Simple	Articulation (Legato		Chords:	Membranophones
Melody	Harmonies:	and Staccato)	Swing/Swung	Root	Idiophones
Chords	Primary Triads (Tonic,	Inversion	Rhythms; Ostinato,	Third	Chordophones
	Dominant and	Retrograde	Riffs, Fills and Solos;	Fifth	Aerophones
	Subdominant Chords)	Retrograde Inversion	Types and Styles of	Passing Notes	Master Drummer
	Textural Layers	Pedal (Pedal Note,	Jazz; Modes and		Ostinato
	Chords	Pedal Point)	Modal Jazz; Ragtime;	Bass Line Patterns:	Syncopation
	Call and Response	Drone	Instruments of Jazz:	Walking Bass	Call and Response
		Melodic Decoration	Frontline (Solos) and	Bass Line Riffs	
		Ostinato	Rhythm Section.	Alberti Bass	
		Tonality		Broken Chords	
		Major		Arpeggios	
		Minor		Pedal	