

Topic studied	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Year 7	Skills audit and baseline assessment	Musical Language Understanding the elements of music and music notation	Introduction to Keyboard How to perform as a soloist and in a small ensemble	Pictures at an Exhibition The relationship between art and music and how they influence each other	Latin American Music The music and rhythms of South America, including Samba and Tango	Entry Level Pop Music Performance Select a song, rehearse and perform it, working as an ensemble
Year 8	Hooks and Riffs Understanding what makes a song catchy, exploring repeated musical patterns	Hip Hop and Rap Understanding the culture of Hip Hop and writing rap lyrics	All About the Bass Exploring reading bass clef notation, bass clef instruments and bass line patterns	African Drumming Exploring polyrhythms, syncopation, call and response, rhythm cycles	Dance Music Exploring rhythms, metre and chords in dance music from different times and places	Intermediate Pop Music Performance Select a song, rehearse and perform it, working and developing as an ensemble
Year 9	Advanced Hooks and Riffs Further exploring repeated patterns in classical and popular styles – writing your own hooks and riffs	Advanced Hip Hop and Rap Revising and deepening the understanding of the culture of Hip Hop, writing, recording and performing a rap	Jazz and Improvisation Exploring chords and chord patterns, 12 bar blues, the blues scale, swing and big band jazz	Advanced Pop Music Performance Select a song, rehearse and perform it, working on and further developing ensemble skills	Soundtracks Exploring film music, leitmotifs, sequencing and mood/sound effects	Composing for the Screen Exploring character themes and sound effects in computer and video games