The music curriculum as outlined below underpins our curriculum intent here: Music Curriculum Intent 2024-25

The curriculum has been created to develop musical skills and knowledge whilst considering the National Curriculum for Music

National Curriculum - Music.pdf and the Model Music Curriculum Music_Curriculum_Full.pdf

End Point	Key knowledge AO4 (Understanding)	Key skills AO1 (Playing), AO2 (Creating), AO3 (Critical Engagement 'Listening')	Key Vocabulary Highlighted = Frayer Model	Reading and Oracy	Numeracy	Common misconceptions	Assessment As per department feedback policy: Music Feedback Depart
Y7 Term 1 - Music & Me Foundation ensemble performance skills	What is music? Basic principles of Musical Elements (i.e. pitch – high/low, duration – long/short etc.) What is posture? What are ensemble skills?	Fundamentals of Posture Keeping a pulse/rhythm in ensemble Singing within a 5 note range in unison Creating lyrics and applying rhythmically Listening to music of different cultures (Y7 Skills Grid)	Posture Ensemble Pulse Rest Silence Unison	Extended paragraph in contextual understanding baseline Writing lyrics and considering rhyming & syllabic writing system Discussion & debate Knowledge Organiser extended reading	Rhythm and metre – timing, pulse, counting in multiples of 3 and 4, patterns, music notations, balance of sound	Difference between pulse and rhythm Performance Posture Difference between event and venue	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y7 Term 2 Just Play & Find Your Voice! Developing keyboard & vocal skills	Basic principles of Musical Elements (i.e. pitch – high/low, duration – long/short etc.) What is musical notation? - treble staff (Middle C to top G). What are the pitches of the keyboard/piano?	Keyboard skills - technique, hand position, notes on the keyboard, technical control (accuracy) Playing a melody within a 5 note range from middle C (C major) Singing a melody within an octave range in unison (Y7 Skills Grid)	Fluency Technique Accuracy Posture Treble Clef Projection Stave/Staff	Reading lyrics Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading	Music Literacy and Theory Note durations	Singing - Pitching notes, 'shouting' (when singing louder), raising pitch (when singing louder) Finger Technique/Postur e on Keyboards Notes of the Keyboard (musical alphabet is A-G)	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative Assessment AO1 (Playing) 20 marks (40%) • Keyboard & Vocal Performance AO3 (Critical Engagement) 20 marks (40%) • Understanding Music Quiz and Listening Quiz AO4 (Appraising/SMSC) 10 marks (20%) • Practice ability and

							evaluating
Y7 Term 3 Building Bricks Musical Elements (MAD TSHIRT) and Chords	MAD TSHIRT (knowing what the musical elements are) What is sonority & dynamics? What is harmony & tonality? What is a rhythm & tempo?	Playing a melody within a 6 note range (C major) Playing primary chords in root position (C major) Singing a melody within an octave range in unison	Chord Dynamics Timbre/Sonority Tonality Harmony Rhythm Tempo Major Minor Consonant Dissonant	Silent reading task (home learning) Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading Reading lyrics	Note durations Triads Rhythm and metre – timing, pulse, counting in multiples of 3 and 4, patterns, music notations, balance of sound	Chord is 2 or more notes played together at the same time Dynamics are loud/soft not high/low	Eormative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y7 Term 4 Building Bricks 2 Musical Elements (MAD TSHIRT), Notations & Ensemble Performance	What is melody & texture? What are note values? How do I notate pitch? How do I perform effectively as part of an ensemble?	Playing a range of rhythms including note values from quavers (eighth notes) to semibreves (whole notes) Creating rhythm patterns Notating Pitch (Middle C to top F) Playing a melody within an octave range	Pulse Accent Polyrhythm Ostinato Rhythm	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading	Note durations Rhythms & patterns Musical maths (home learning)	Incorrect application of playing 2 quavers Notes on the stave	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment AO2 (Composing) 20 marks (40%) Improvisation and Variations Composition AO3 (Critical Engagement) 20 marks (40%) Understanding Music Quiz and Listening Quiz AO4 (Appraising/SMSC) 10 marks (20%) Practice ability and evaluating
Y7 Term 5 Sonority City Instruments of the Orchestra & introduction to the DAW	What is sonority/timbre? How does sonority change? How are instrumental sounds grouped? How can I record musical ideas?	Playing and combining a range of melodic motifs (C major) Playing chord progressions in 1st/2nd inversions (C major) Singing in 2 part harmony Listening to and	Sonority Strings Brass Woodwind Percussion SATB (Choir)	Reading lyrics Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading	Repeating rhythm patterns BPM Note durations	Saxophone incorrectly identified as a brass instrument Following melodic contour incorrectly	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

		identifying orchestral instruments					
Y7 Term 6 Hooks & Riffs Advancing ensemble performance skills & creating musical ideas	What are riffs, ostinati, loops & hooks? What are flats?	Playing and combining a range of melodic motifs within an octave range (D minor - 1 flat introduced) Playing rhythms with rests, semiquavers and triplets Improvising melodic ideas within the range of an octave Singing at a music performance grade 1 standard	Ostinato Riff Loops Hook Flat Improvise Triplets Octave	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading	Repeating patterns BPM Note duration Intervals	Difference between flat and sharp Difference between riff/ostinato/loop (context)	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative Assessment AO1 (Playing) 20 marks (40%) Keyboard & Vocal Performance AO3 (Critical Engagement) 20 marks (40%) Understanding Music Quiz and Listening Quiz AO4 (Appraising/SMSC) 10 marks (20%) Practice ability and evaluating
Y8 Term 1 - All that Jazz Focus AO1: Playing Playing stylistic features of the Blues	What are the origins of the Blues? Why is the Blues significant to music of today? How can chords be extended?	Playing Chord Progressions (Primary Chords and Seventh Chords - including 1 flat in root/1st/2nd inversion) Playing a walking bassline Improvising a melody using a Blues Scale Singing in 2 part harmony using call & response (Y8 Skills Grid)	Improvisation 12 Bar Blues Seventh Chord Walking Bass Melody Flat Sharp	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading Reading/speaking musical terminology	Time Signatures Counting pulse,metre, bars & beats (4/4), Scalic Patterns	Following melodic contour correctly Flattened Notes	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y8 Term 2 What Makes a Good Song? Focus AO1&2: Playing and	How is a popular song structured? What musical features does an effective popular song include?	Performing an independent part in an ensemble Playing & recording riff, bassline and chord progression using a	Riff Melody Conjunct/Disjunct Lyrics Structure Chord Progression	Discussion & debate Knowledge Organiser extended reading	Using a DAW (patterns/scales/ BPM/timing)	Understanding of a chord progression	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

Creating Understanding key features of popular songs	How is a popular song recorded?	DAW Composing & recording a riff using a DAW in E minor (1 sharp) (Y8 Skills Grid)	Bassline	Reading/speaking musical terminology			
Y8 Term 3 Brilliant Broadway Focus AO2: Creating Creating musical ideas to a brief	How can music reflect character? How can I create an effective motif? How can I develop a motif?	Improvising and composing a variety of motifs in G major & E minor (1 sharp) Call & Response drumming (Djembe) Creating rhythmic motifs (Y8 Skills Grid)	Leitmotif Scale Improvise Expression Characterisation Djembe Call & Response	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading Reading/speaking musical terminology	Drumming patterns - cyclical rhythms Patterns (scale)	Motifs /Leitmotifs have to be repetitive	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y8 Term 4 Variations Focus AO2: Creating Creating variations of a musical idea	What is a variation and why are these important in music? How can I vary a melody by adding to it? How can I vary a melody by changing it?	Playing a melody and accompaniment in the key of G major (1 sharp) in 4/4 time. Improvising & composing melodic variations Using a DAW creatively to record musical ideas in the key of G major (1 sharp_ (Y8 Skills Grid)	Articulation Theme & Variations Pedal/Drone Ostinato Passing Notes	Discussion & debate Knowledge Organiser extended reading Reading/speaking musical terminology Reading a composing brief Recording written notes on a composing log	Repeated musical ideas Patterns Augmentation ('doubling' note values) Diminution ('halving' note values)	Understanding harmonisation of melody	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y8 Term 5 Soundtrack 1 Focus AO1: Playing Performing leitmotif stylistically	Why is music used in films and other visual media? How can music be used to manipulate mood/emotion? What compositional techniques do composers use to create music for film?	Playing a melody & accompaniment in the key of E minor (harmonic - 2 sharps/natural - 1 sharp) and in 3/4 time. Composing a leitmotif to suit a character in the key of E minor (harmonic - 2 sharps) or	Diegetic Mickey-mousing Leitmotif Underscore Storyboarding Spotting Hitpoint	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading Reading/speaking musical terminology	Time signatures/beats & timing	Mickey-mousing is just applying sound effects Coherence of harmony	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

		G major (1 sharp) Arranging & creating a variation of leitmotif (Y8 Skills Grid)		Verbally articulating and evaluating success in composition through feedback			
Y8 Term 6 Soundtrack 2 Focus AO2: Creating Composing to a brief	How can I use multiple compositional techniques to create a soundtrack for a film scene? How can music technology be used creatively in composition?	Creating a soundscape/soundtrack that includes multiple compositional techniques (leitmotif/underscore/mic key-mousing) Singing at a music performance grade 2 standard Singing with pitch accuracy, clear phrasing and dynamic contrast (Y8 Skills Grid)	Panning Soundtrack Coherence Creativity Reverb Over-dubbing	Discussion & debate Knowledge organiser extended reading Reading/speaking musical terminology Verbally articulating and evaluating success in composition through feedback	Time signatures/beats & timing Stereo Field	Reverb=echo	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y9 Term 1 Offbeat Focus - AO1: Playing	What are the key features of reggae music? How can I perform key features of a Reggae effectively?	Playing an independent part as part of an ensemble. Developing performance fluency - playing with accuracy of pitch & timing Rehearsal technique (Y9 Skills Grid)	Backbeat/Offbeat Syncopation Primary Chords	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology Lyrics	Beats 2 & 4	Playing on the regular 'on beat'	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y9 Term 2 Chart Topper! Focus - AO2: Composing	How are songs structured effectively? What are the key features of popular songs?	Creating chord progressions & applying extended chords/inversions in a popular song form Creating hooks/riffs in a popular song form (D major/B minor or F major/D minor) Notating ideas in a lead	Conjunct Disjunct Popular song form Structure Riff Melody Texture Lyrics Lead Sheet Chord	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology Reading & applying a composing brief Reading & writing lyrics (rhyming structures)		Rhythmic placement & timing of chords/lyrics	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

		sheet (Y9 Skills Grid)	Progression				
Y9 Term 3 Floor Fillers Focus - AO1: Playing & AO2: Creating	What is music for dance? What is a remix & how do I create an arrangement? What are music technology effects and how can they be used creatively?	Recording/inputting musical ideas into a DAW (C major & b3 chords) Varying/arranging musical ideas in a DAW Creating various rhythm patterns/drum patterns in a DAW	Arrangement Four-on-the-floor BPM Loop Synthesiser Context Panning Reverb Automation	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology	Patterns and loops Bars/Beats/Timi ng Fractions (inputting notes on DAW)	Over-complicating drum track rhythms	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y9 Term 4 Fusions Focus - AO1: Playing	What is a musical fusion? How can I perform key features of a fusion effectively?	Playing an independent part as part of an ensemble. Developing performance fluency - playing with accuracy of pitch & timing Rehearsal technique (Y9 Skills Grid)	Fusion Genre/Style Son Rhythm Call & Response Regular Rhythm Stock Chord- Progression Hook	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology Lyrics	Time Signatures Polyrhythms Bars/Beats/Timi ng Fractions (inputting notes on DAW)	Misunderstanding that every musical style is essentially a fusion	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y9 Term 5 Just Play! Icons Playing Extended Chords and Inversions Focus - AO1: Playing	How are chords inverted? How are chords extended? Increased technical knowledge of how to play instrument How do I rehearse effectively?	Playing Extended Chords and Chord Inversions (D major/F major) Playing an independent part as part of an ensemble. Developing performance fluency - playing with accuracy of pitch & timing Rehearsal technique (Y9 Skills Grid)	Inversion Chord Progression Rehearsal Ensemble Fluency Accuracy	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology Communicating in an ensemble	Time Signatures Construction of chords	Construction of chord inversions	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

Y9 Term 6 Cover Version Focus - AO1: Playing	How are musical elements used to create arrangements of existing songs? How can I demonstrate my performance skills in a final performance?	Playing an independent part as part of an ensemble. Demonstrating performance fluency - playing with accuracy of pitch & timing Rehearsal technique (Y9 Skills Grid)	Variation Accuracy Expression Interpretation	Discussion & debate Reading/speaking musical terminology Lyrics		Understanding that an arrangement requires change	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
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Y10 Term 1 MAD TSHIRT - The Elements of Music Understanding what the fundamental elements of music are and how they are used.	Defining musical elements of MAD TSHIRT. Knowledge of musical devices and features within each element How do I effectively listen to and analyse music?	AO3-Listening to, identifying and describing musical elements/devices AO2-Applying creative use of musical elements through mini composing tasks AO2-Building DAW skills for composition	Melody, Articulation, Dynamics, Structure, Form, Harmony, Tonality Instrumentation, Timbre, Sonority, Rhythm, Metre, TempoPhonic	Discussion & Debate Reading/speaking musical terminology BUG exam questions SPAG in exercise books	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals etc.	Describing Texture Instrumental Families	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress
Y10 Term 2 AoS2: Popular Music Ensemble Performance (1) Deadline	Musical features of & use of elements in: Rock music of the 1960s/1970s Music of Broadway 1950s-1990s Pop Music 1990s onwards Film & Video Game Music How to perform successfully in an ensemble	AO1-Developing ensemble performance skills - accuracy, fluency & expression AO3-Listening to, identifying and describing musical elements/devices	Syncopation Melisma Melody & Accompaniment Primary Chords Secondary Chords Stock Chord Progressions Riff/Hook/Loop BPM Reverb Delay Overdubbing, Vocoder Pitch Bend	Discussion & Debate Reading/speaking musical terminology SPAG in exercise books	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals etc. Roman numerals		Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Ensemble Performance (1) - 36 marks
Y10 Term 3 AoS1: Western	Musical features of & use of elements in: The coronation	AO2 - composing skills - chord progressions, inversions & extensions	Melisma Cadence Virtuoso	Discussion & Debate	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms,	Tone/Semitone placement on a piano	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

Classical Tradition	anthem's & oratorios of Handel The orchestra music of Haydn, Mozart & Beethoven The piano music of Chopin and Schumann The requiem of the late Romantic period How do I create musical ideas using harmony (chords)?	AO3-Listening to, identifying and describing musical elements/devices	Diatonic Chromatic Rondo Homophonic Terraced Dynamics Balanced Phrasing Anacrusis Conjunct/Disjunct Symphony Sonata Form	Reading/speaking musical terminology SPAG in exercise books	metre, notations, intervals etc. Tone row patterns Scales Roman numerals	
Y10 Term 4 AoS4: Western Classical Tradition since 1910 Solo Performance (1) Deadline	Musical features of & use of elements in: The Orchestral Music of Copland British music of Arnold, Britten, Maxwell-Davis & Tavener The orchestral music of Zoltan, Kodaly & Bela Bartok Minimalist music of John Adams, Steve Reich, Terry Riley How to perform successfully as a soloist	AO3-Listening to, identifying and describing musical elements/devices AO1-Developing solo performance skills - accuracy, fluency & expression AO2 - Developing composing skills - minimalist techniques	Dissonant Hemiola Rubato Augmentation Diminution Layered Pedal Pentatonic	Discussion & Debate Reading/speaking musical terminology SPAG in exercise books Communication through performance	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals etc. Doubling of note values (Augmentation) Halving of note values (Diminution) 5 notes scales Intervals	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Solo Performance (1) - 36marks
Y10 Term 5 AoS3: Traditional Music	Musical features of & use of elements in: Blues music from 1920-1950 Fusion music incorporating African and/or Caribbean music Contemporary Latin American music Contemporary Folk music of the British Isles How do I create effective melodic and rhythmic ideas?	AO2 - composing skills - melodies, themes/variations & rhythmic development AO3-Listening to, identifying and describing musical elements/devices	Modal Backbeat/Offbeat Skank Drone A capella Imitative Polyrhythm Shuffle beat	Discussion & Debate Reading/speaking musical terminology SPAG in exercise books	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals etc. Beats 2 and 4 Patterns of rhythms Patterns of modal scales	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress

Y10 Term 6 NEA: 'My Music' Combining knowledge and skills to produce performances and composition Solo Performance (2) Deadline Ensemble Performance (2) Deadline	What is a compositional brief? What is coherence? What is expression & interpretation?	AO1-Developing solo /ensemble performance skills - accuracy, fluency & expression AO2 - Creating a 'Free Composition' (demonstrating use of and understanding of musical elements in composition)	Intention Coherent Development Expression Interpretation Creativity Technical Control	Discussion & Debate Reading/speaking musical terminology SPAG in exercise books	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of DAW etc.	Coherence of musical ideas	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 1 - Mock Exam (68)
Y11 Term 1 Component 1 (Listening & Understanding) NEA - Composition Solo Performance (3) Deadline	Deepening understanding of musical features and devices within MAD TSHIRT Understanding of how to develop musicality and interest within composition	Active Listening (Exam question practice) Composing Music	MAD TSHIRT (Elements of Music) and associated terminology	Reading/speaking musical terminology Programme Notes Musical Scores	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of DAW etc.	Repetition, Variation and Development Harmony Modulations	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 2 - Solo Performance (36)
Y11 Term 2 NEA - Ensemble Performance and Composition Free Composition Deadline Component 1 Mock Exam Ensemble Performance (3) Deadline	What is a composition to a brief? How can I compose music to suit a brief? How can I perform successfully in an ensemble?	Ensemble performance & rehearsal skills-technical control (accuracy), expression, interpretation	Communication Balance Preparation Composition Brief	Reading/speaking musical terminology Programme Notes Musical Scores	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of DAW etc.	Repertoire - choosing correct standard of performance piece	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 3- Free Composition (36) Component 1 - Mock Exam (96) Component 2 - Ensemble Performance (36)
Y11 Term 3 NEA - Composition to a Brief	How can I develop interest in a composition? What are the key features of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto 3rd Movement?	Melodic/Rhythmic Dictation Cadence identification Interval identification	Cadence Interval Dictation	Reading/speaking musical terminology Programme Notes Musical Scores	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of	Applying analytical knowledge to the correct episode in the Clarinet Concerto	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 2 - Solo

Recapping MAD TSHIRT & Set Studies Solo Performance (4) Final Deadline	What are the key features of Paul Simon's Graceland/You Can Call Me Al/Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes?	Analysis Identifying music technology effects Exam Technique (Listening/Analysis)			DAW etc. Intervals Scales Chords/Keys	Confusing features across Paul Simon pieces.	Performance (36)
Y11 Term 4 NEA - Finalising 'My Music' Brief Composition Deadline Component 1 Mock Exam (2) Ensemble Performance (4) Final Deadline	What is a musical score? What is a programme note and how can I portray my intentions? Exam Technique	Performing with accuracy, expression & interpretation Composing coherently within a structure & creative use of musical elements Creating a musical score Writing a programme note to outline intentions Exam Technique (Listening/Analysis) Complete CRFs and Paperwork ready for examination	Coherence Creativity Sophisticated Score Intention	Reading/speaking musical terminology Programme Notes Musical Scores Completing forms	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of DAW etc.	Scoring and notating ideas effectively and appropriately to context	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 3- Brief Composition (36) Component 1 - Mock Exam (96) Component 2 - Ensemble Performance (36)
Y11 Term 5 Component 1 (Listening & Understanding) - Revision	Revising musical terminology of MAD TSHIRT Revising 4 GCSE Area of Study Revising key features of set studies	Revision Exam Technique	Component 1 Key Terminology	Reading/speaking musical terminology Exam papers SPaG	Inherent through time signatures, pulse, rhythms, metre, notations, intervals, use of DAW etc.	Applicable answers for questions in component 1 exam	Formative assessment - Regular verbal feedback to guide progress Summative assessment Component 2 - Solo & Ensemble Performance (72 marks) Component 3 - Free & Brief Composition (72 Marks) Component 1 - Understanding Music Exam (96 marks)