



Years 7 and 8 Music Overview

Term	Year 7	Year 8
	Find Your Voice	Blues
	Baseline Assessment 1. Theory and Listening test 2. Performance	Baseline Assessment 1. Theory and Listening Test 2. Performance
	DR P SMITH: RHYTHM	DR P SMITH: MELODY & STRUCTURE
Autumn 1	 Rhythm and note duration Notation Expression Voice types Performing, Improvising and Singing Unison, harmony, a capella Beatboxing, warm-ups 4 chord song – musical futures Ensemble skills 	Notation (treble and bass clefs) Keyboard notes Structure - 12 Bar Blues chords sequence Walking bassline Melody – repetition/riff/Blues scale Improvisation / solo Harmony - Blues chords incl. 7th extensions Shuffle beat Performing and Singing 12 Bar Blues
Autumn 2	Keyboard Skills DR P SMITH: PITCH Pitch and notation Keyboard notes Accidentals Dynamics (expression) Notation test Performing and Singing Progressive keyboard skills and pieces (solo and paired) Christmas Carols (group and class)	 Hit the Road Jack In the Mood Improvising and Composing Own Blues arrangement including score Lyrics Listening and Appraising Work songs Blues Rock N Roll





	Japanese Folk Music	Film Music
Spring 1	DR P SMITH: MELODY	DR P SMITH: HARMONY Tonality - major/ minor Harmony - chords: major, minor, diminished Dissonance - tritone (tension) Trill (melodic decoration) Melody, mood Leitmotifs Structure Music spotting Performing Letimotifs: Hedwig's Theme, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Batman, Keyboards, percussion Solo and ensemble skills Composing Composing Composing Start Mars, Indiana Start Wars, Indiana Start Wars, Indiana Start Wars, Indiana Jones, Batman, Bat
Spring 2	Pop songs DR P SMITH: HARMONY Harmony/chords Call and Response, imitation Expression Structure Performing and Singing Solo and ensemble skills Vocal and keyboard skills Chords and root notes Performance of 4-chord mash-up Listening and Appraising Popular music Instrument recognition	Reggae DR P SMITH: RHYTHM Rhythm – bubble rhythm, off-beat, syncopated, skank Melody – hook, riffs Harmony – simple chords Tempo Instrumentation/timbre Performing and Singing Solo and ensemble skills One Love, No Woman No Cry, 3 Little Birds Keyboard/bass guitar/percussion Listening and Appraising Buffalo Solider, You Can Get it if You Really Want, Wild World, No Woman No Cry





Classical Music

DR P SMITH: MELODY, TEXTURE and TIMBRE

- Melody (ostinato, ground bass)
- Texture (monophonic, polyphonic)
- Instrumentation/timbre orchestra
- Structure (Canon)
- Notation (treble and bass clefs)

Performing and Singing

- Solo/ensemble skills
- Pachelbel's Canon in D (keyboard/guitar)
- Altogether Now
- Own arrangements

Composing

Ostinato composition

Listening and Appraising

- Peter and the Wolf (leitmotif)
- Orchestral Families

Enrichment week

End of Year Quiz (listening)

Performing and singing

End of year talent show

Additional scheme:

Song Writing

DR P SMITH: MELODY and STRUCTURE

- Melody Riffs and hooks
- Ascending/descending, conjunct/disjunct
- Song structures
- Pitch/rhythm
- Dynamics
- Chords, texture

Performing and Singing

- Solo/ensemble skills
- Keyboard and singing skills
- Band instruments
- Shotgun, Shape of You, Faded

Composing

- Chord sequences
- Writing lyrics
- Song-structures

Enrichment Week

End of Year Quiz (Listening)

Performing and Singing

- End of Year Talent Show
- ICT Music
- Software Packages

Electronic Dance Music

DR P SMITH: TEXTURE and TIMBRE

- Loop/sample
- Texture/layers
- Audio/midi (tracks)
- Synthesiser
- Sequencer
- Instrumentation/ timbre
- Effects/ reverb/ delay

Composing

• Multitrack composition

ICT Music Software

- Reason
- Sibelius
- VIP studios