Year 9 Curriculum Overview Music 2023-24

Year 9 Music – 2	Autumn Term 1 (22/23)	Autumn Term 2 (22/23)	Spring Term 1 (22/23)
per cycle			
Unit Title	Protest Songs	Hip Hop/Grime	The Music of Lin Manuel Miranda
Approximate	7 Lessons	7 Lessons	6 Lessons
Number of			
Lessons			
Curriculum	Students will be introduced to a range Protest	This unit explores the creation of Hip hop and	Students will look at the life and works of
Content	Songs from the early 1900 to date. Listening	Grime, looking at some of the key artists and the	musical theatre/film composer/singer
	tasks will explore a range of Protest Song	key musical features of these two styles.	songwriter Lin Manuel Miranda.
	styles and the look at how song writers utilise		
	instrumentation and the elements of music to	Students will listen to a range of music from each	Vocal Textures will be explored in this unit as
	deliver the desired message of the protest.	style and look at the context surrounding their	a key feature of LMM's music is the
		conception in New York and London.	overlapping of key vocal lines.
	The practical focus will be on song writing and		
	students will explore harmony (chords) and	The unit creates opportunity for musical	Films and Musical Theatre shows include
	lyric-writing and use the elements of music to	performances on a range of instruments and	Encanto, Moana, Hamilton, Tick Tick Boom
	suit the mood of their protest song.	singing.	and In the Heights,
	Protest Songs could emerge as a strand in	Alternatively pupils could construct a hip hop/grime	The unit creates opportunity for musical
	Eduqas GCSE Music AOS4 Popular Music.	backing.	performances on a range of instruments and singing.
		Hip Hop/Grime could emerge as a strand in Eduqas	
		GCSE Music AOS4 Popular Music.	This unit links to the Eduqas GCSE Music
			strand AOS2 Ensembles.
Links to prior	Knowledge of African and Blues Music.	Blues and Rock and Roll Music	Musical Theatre and Film Music
learning		Protest Songs	Hip Hop and Grime.
Cultural Capital		The Birth of Hip Hop	Watch the Disney+ performance of Hamilton
Opportunities		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10C-Q3NIIzU	Or if possible go and see a performance of
		Break Dance	Hamilton in the West End.
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TMBWCcYs3o	Watch any of the films Tick Tick Boom, In the
			Heights, Moana or Encanto.
Assessment Focus	Chord Assessment	Group Performance Assessment	Group or Solo Performance
	Listening Assessment	Alternatively a Composition Assessment	Listening Assessment
	Compose a Protest Song	Listening Assessment.	Vocal Texture Assessment
Name of KO	Year 9 Protest Songs KO Autumn Term 1	Year 9 Hip Hop/Grime KO Autumn Term 2	Year 9 Lin Manuel Miranda KO Spring Term 1

Year 9 Curriculum Overview Music 2023-24

Year 9 Music – 2	Spring Term 2 (22/23)	Summer Term 1 (22/23)	Summer Term 2 (22/23)
per cycle			
Unit Title	GCSE Bridging Unit	Britpop	4 Chord Mash Ups
Approximate	6 Lessons	6 Lessons	7 Lessons
Number of Lessons			
Curriculum	This GCSE bridging unit will give students a	The unit explores the British style of Britpop music	Students will build on their knowledge of
Content	flavour of GCSE Music. Students will study a	which emerged from the British independent	chords in this unit, and learn about a chord
	short Classical piece of music and undertake	music scene of the early 1990s and was	structure? We will then create an arrangement
	analysis questions on it. They will also	characterised by bands such as Suede, Blur, Pulp,	using the four-chord structure? The unit
	complete mini composition task.	Supergrass and Oasis.	explores mash-ups, chords, inversions, riffs
			and arranging.
	This unit will give students information about	The unit will look at Rock and Pop Timbres.	
	the topics and requirements for GCSE Music to		Students will also undertake revision task in
	help them make an informed decision about	The unit creates opportunity for musical	preparation for the end of year exam.
	their GCSE options.	performances on a range of instruments and	_
		singing.	Group Performance.
	This unit links to Eduqas GCSE Music. The		
	analysis of a work connects to the requirement	This unit links to the Eduqas GCSE Music strand	This unit links to the Eduqas GCSE Music strand
	of the board to study two set works.	AOS4 Popular Music.	AOS4 Popular Music
Links to prior	Melodic and rhythmic notation	Rock and Roll	Hip Hop/Grime, Rock and Roll, Britpop.
learning	Texture and timbre analysis		
	Structure and Form		
	Previous composition tasks.		
Cultural Capital		The Britpop Story – BBC4 Documentary	
Opportunities			
		Top of the Pops – Roll With It 1995	
		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6M93SDCl-	
		g	
Assessment Focus	Mini mock style exam	Performance Assessment	End of Year Assessment
	Mini comp task	Britpop Assessment	Group Performance.
	Performance Assessment	Timbre Assessment	
Name of KO	Year 9 GCSE Bridging Unit KO Spring Term 2	Year 9 Britpop Music KO Summer Term 1	Year 9 Four-Chord Mash Ups KO Summer Term
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Year 9 Protest Songs Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 1 (23/24)

What are Protest Songs?

These types of song are written in protest to movements or actions within society, culture, politics and religion.







Layers of sound

Melody = tune. One note at a time. Can be sung or played on an instrument.

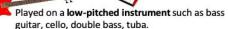
Melody



THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH Bass line = the lowest part. One note at a time.

Chords

See opposite



A beat



Beat = rhythm. Played on unpitched instruments such as drums.







Writing Protest Songs

Successful protest songs suit the mood of the lyrics of the protest song. Students will decide on a type of song (punk, rock, pop, rap), a style (aggressive, calm, cynical, embracing, rejecting) and a theme to protest.

Key Terms

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J	Verse	The part of the song that sets up the chorus and tells the story.
	Chorus	The part of the song that is usually the most memorable, and includes the title. This is typically the part of the song that people remember and sing along with!
	Bassline	The lowest pitched part of the music often played on bass instruments such as the bass guitar or double bass. Creative and distinctive basslines make your song stand out!
	Melody	The main "tune" of a song or piece of music, played higher in pitch that the bassline.
	Chord Sequence	The pattern of chords used to create the harmony of the song for the melody
	Lyricist	The person responsible for writing the lyrics during the songwriting process.
	Strophic	A structure of a popular song which is simply Verse, Verse, Verse etc. It can also be referred to as A-A-A-A etc.



Verse-Chorus Form





A structure of a popular song which makes use of

intro, bridge and outro somewhere in there too!

verses and choruses - there's usually an





Protest Themes

The Environment **Gun Control**

Pro Life

LGBTQ+ Rights

BLM

Civil Rights

Anti-War

Animal Rights

Homelessness

Anti-Nuclear

Anti-Apartheid

Key Artists/Bands

Bob Dylan Bob Marley

The Beatles

John Lennon

Bruce Springstien

The Who

The Sex Pistols

Green Day

Aretha Franklin

Woody Guthrie

The Specials

Nina Simone

2Pac

Joni Mitchell

Billie Holiday

Dave

Stevie Wonder

Paul McCartney

Sam Cooke

The Jam

Lil Wayne

James Brown



Year 9 Hip Hop and Grime Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 2 (23/24)







What is Hip-hop?

Hip-hop music focuses on rhythm rather than melody and harmony. It is characterised by:

- rapping
- use of samples
- use of programmed beats
- DJing

What is Rapping?

Rapping is rhythmical, rhyming, semi-spoken recitation. Often the lead vocal is joined by another member of the group who:

- doubles the last word of some lines
- adds answering phrases
- adds spoken <u>ad libs</u>



Origins and History of Hip-Hop



Rap, as it is known today, began in New York. When
Jamaican sound system culture arrived there in the late 1970s
it had a history of MCs toasting - speaking over tracks played
by the DJ - to entertain the crowd and keep them engaged.
 From this, a new style of music emerged, known as hip-hop.



- Hip-hop gave the world some of the first popular rappers, along with beats made by DJs scratching and cutting together parts of records.
- A whole culture was created around hip-hop, with graffiti art and B-boys dancing to the music.



- Rappers combined rhymes with beats to make entertaining music for parties. These lyrics would often brag about being the best MC, and rap battles became a way for two MCs to decide who was the crowd's favourite.
- As rap progressed, rappers moved from simple rhymes to more complex lyrical patterns, including poetic techniques like internal rhyming or assonance. Rakim and Big Daddy Kane were some of the first artists to use this more lyrical style, which paved the way for global superstars like Tupac, Biggie Smalls, Nas and Jay-Z.



 Rap broke through into the UK in the 1970s and 80s. The London Posse and the Cookie Crew were two successful early British rap groups.

Key Hip-hop and Rap Artists

Post Malone, Khalid, Drake, Lil Nas X, Travis Scott, Juice WRLD, DaBaby, Cardi B, Lil Baby, Meek Mill, Chris Brown, Lil Wayne, Kanye West, Jay-Z.

Hip-hop Key Terms		
Key Term	Definition	
MC	Master of Ceremonies, another term for a rapper.	
Sampling	Taking a portion, or sample, of one sound recording and reusing it as an instrument or a sound in a different song.	
Beat	The pulse/heart rate of the music.	
Bass Line	The low-pitched instrumental part or line played by a low pitched instrument.	
Beatboxing	Vocal percussion primarily involving the art of mimicking drum machines with the mouth.	

Grime Background and Influences





Grime is a genre of electronic music that emerged in London in the early 2000s.

The style initially spread among pirate radio stations and underground scenes before achieving some mainstream recognition in the UK during the mid-2000s.



It was based around the idea of community, Londoners struggling on the fringes of society getting together to talk about their lives.

Grime gave a voice to primarily black males.



Grime grew out of UK Garage Music and also contains musical influences from jungle, dancehall, and hip hop styles.



The first UK Grime track was created by ex-Garage artist Wiley called 'Eskimo'.









Crew = the artists group of people.

MC'ing = Rapping.

War-dubs = Grime battles. Grime Music Key Terms

Rapping = vocals that incorporate rhyme or rhythmic speech. **Grime Tempo** = 120 -140bpm.

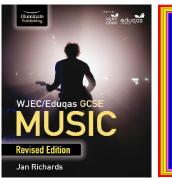
Bars = Lyrics

Eskibeat = futuristic synths and awkward, off-kilter rhythms.

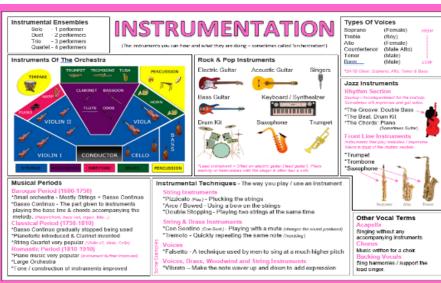
Fam = family and close friends.

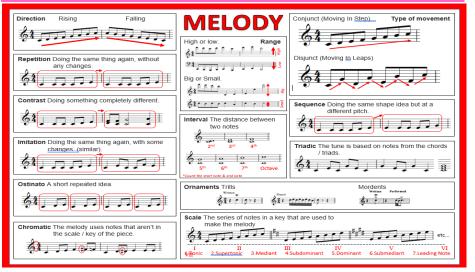
Sub-low = very low bassline.

Year 9 GCSE Bridging Unit Knowledge Organiser Spring Term 2 (23/24)









Component 1 Performing

A minimum of two pieces, lasting a total of 4-6 minutes, recorded in the year of assessment:

One piece must be an ensemble (group piece) lasting at least one minute

One piece linked to an Area of Study(see below)

Grade 3 music is the standard level and can score full marks if played perfectly

You can use any instrument or voice, or choose a technology option.



Component 2 Composing 30%

Two pieces:

One in response to a brief set by WJEC - there are 4 to choose from each year. One free composition - ANY style you want to write in.



Component 3 Appraising

Externally assessed examination

Teacher assessed

Teacher assessed

Listening examination:

8 questions, 2 on each area of study:

AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices (including a set work*)









Fusion -Mixing more than one style of music togethe

Bhangra - Came to UK in 1980s. Mixing traditional

(e.g. Dhol, Tabla, Sitar) & Pop Instruments

Indian music & non music



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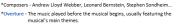
Genre - Action, Adventure, Horror, Romance, War, Sci-fi, Western., Composers - John Williams, James Horner, Jerry Goldsmith

*Think how do the musical features represent what is happening on-screen

tmotif - A short musical idea linked to a specific character / thing

Car Chase: Fast tempo, loud dynamics, sudden changes in melody direction. WWII Film: Military instruments, fanfare, monophonic to represent isolation... Large Theme Park Scene: Big Orchestra, Loud Dynamics, Fast/exciting rhythms. Horror Scene: Dissonant chords and use of repeated pattern to build tension...

*Types: Jukebox, Film-to-stage, Sung-through (no speaking), Disney...



*Solo - Song for one character *Chorus - Song for usually the whole 'company' to sing

*Recitative - A song which does not have a memorable tune (more speech-like). often used to fill in the story if the show is all sung.





Britpop





Britpop emerged from the British independent music scene of the early 1990s and was characterised by bands influenced by British guitar pop music of the 1960s and 1970s. It was a reaction to various musical and cultural trends in the late 1980s and early 1990s, particularly the grunge phenomenon from the United States. As these bands became more popular in the UK, new British groups such as Suede and Blur launched the movement by providing an alternate, more British type of popular music.

- Britpop groups were defined by being focused on bands rather than solo artists.
- They had a typical rock band line up of drums/bass/guitar/vocals (and sometimes keyboards).
- They wrote original material, played their own instruments and sang in regional British accents.
- They often wrote about British places, landmarks and fashion trends.
- The lyrics were meant to be relevant to British young people of their own generation.
- Britpop bands denounced grunge as irrelevant and having nothing to say about their lives.

The Beatles, The Kinks, The Smiths and The Stone Roses are amongst the bands that influenced the Britpop movement.

These bands were soon joined by others including Oasis, Pulp, Supergrass, Sleeper, Elastica and The Verve.

larger British cultural movement called Cool Britannia.

Britpop groups brought British alternative rock into the mainstream and formed the backbone of a

3.	3. Britpop		
1	Britpop	British guitar based music influenced by bands such as The Beatles and The Kinks. Known for its British lyrics and bright and catchy sound.	
2	Musicians	Blur, Oasis, Suede, Elastica, The Verve	
3	Battle of Britpop	Battle of Oasis vs Blur for top spot in the UK charts in 1995	



	4. Musical characteristics		
	1	Distortion	Guitar effect used to create a 'Gritty sound'
	2	Low fi	The quality of the sound. A deliberate choice to add imperfections in the sound quality.
ì	4	Fuzz	Describing the timbre or sound of an electric guitar
	5	Stripped Back	Not many instruments. Thin texture to the music

They were influenced by British guitar music of the past and wrote about uniquely British topics and concerns.



Year 9 Four-Chord Mash Ups Knowledge Organiser Summer Term 2 (23/24)

Four Chord Song

Many songs within popular culture today are based around a simple chord pattern which is made up of four chords and sometimes less!

Keyword	Definition
Chord	Made up of two or more notes played at the same time. They don't normally clash.
Broken Chord	When you play the notes from a chord one after the other – e.g. in a chord of C (CEG) rather than playing the 3 notes at the same time you would play a pattern – C,E,G,E,C,E,G,E,Cetc.
Block Chord	When you play all notes from the chord at the same time.
Bass line	Low pitched instrumental part played by a rhythm section e.g. a bass guitar.
Major	A bright, happy sounding key or chord. (C major – CEG)
Minor	A sad, melancholy sounding key or chord. (A minor – ACE)
Medley	A piece composed from parts of existing pieces. Also known as a mashup .
Inversion	Re-arranging the chord so that you can move more smoothly. Root, first inversion and second inversion
Harmonic progression	Describes the progression (changing pattern) of chords in a piece.
Countermelody	A melody which accompanies the main melody of the piece – it will be less obvious than the main melody. For example, a singer could be singing the main melody while the lead guitarist plays a countermelody.





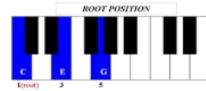
The 4-chord pop song









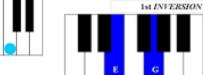


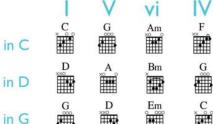


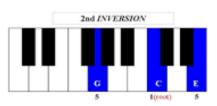












Wake Me Up - Avicii FAST CHANGE x2

*So wake me up when it's all over When I'm wiser and I'm older All this time I was finding myself, And I didn't know I was lost. X2

Run - Snow Patrol

*Light up, light up As if you have a choice Even if you cannot hear my voice I'll be right beside you dear

*Louder, louder And we'll run for our lives I can hardly speak I understand Why you can't raise your voice to say,

4-Chord Mash Up Lyrics

Don't Stop Believin' - Journey SLOW CHANGE x4

*** Just a small town girl ** Livin' in a lonely world *** She took the midnight train Goin' anywhere

🌉 *** Just a city boy *** Born and raised in south Detroit *** He took the midnight train

Goin' anywhere Let it be - Beatles FAST CHANGE XZ

When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be.

Wrecking Ball - Miley Cyrus

SLOW CHANGE x4

I came in like a wrecking ball I never hit so hard in love All I wanted was to break your walls All you ever did was wreck me

Demons - Imagine Dragons

SLOW CHANGE x4

When you feel my heat Look into my eyes It's where my demons hide It's where my demons hide

Don't get too close It's dark inside It's where my demons hide It's where my demons hide

She can't dance But who cares She walks like Rihanna

Walks Like Rihanna The Wanted

SLOW CHANGE x4

She can't sing

Elton John SLOW CHANGE x4 Can you feel the love

I'm Yours - Jason Mraz FAST CHANGE x2

I won't hesitate No more, No more It can not wait; I'm yours

Where is the love? - Black Eyed Peas SLOW CHANGE ×4

*People killin' people dyin' Children hurt and you hear them cryin' Can you practice what you preach? Would you turn the other cheek?

Price Tag - Jessie J slow change x4 It's not about the money, money, money We don't need your money, money, money We just wanna make the world dance Forget about the Price Tag. It's not about the cha-ching, cha-ching Not about the b-bling b-bling Wanna make the world dance Forget about the Price Tag



Someone Like You - Adele SLOW CHANGE ×4

*Never mind I'll find someone like you I wish nothing but the best for you too Don't forget me I beg I re-member you said Sometimes it lasts in love but sometimes it hurts instead

> Perfect - Ed Sheeran FAST CHANGE ×2

***Baby I'm * dancing in the dark * You between my arms* Said you looked a mess * underneath my breath, You heard it, but you look perfect tonight



Hey Soul Sister - Train SLOW CHANGE x4 Her lipstick stains**

On the front lobe of my left side brains*

I knew I wouldn't forget you

Barbie - Aqua



FAST CHANGE x2 Come on Barbie, let's go party! Ah -ah-ah- yeah X2