

# **Curriculum map: PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC**

Units Deli	vered	
	Year 7	Year 8
Autumn 1	Research and identify different instrument families (e.g., strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion) and their main characteristics.      Explore and compare various instruments within each family, including their sound production, range, and typical usage.      Engage in hands-on activities, such as playing basic notes or rhythms on different instruments to understand their unique features.	<ul> <li>The History of Music: The orchestra</li> <li>Introduction to the History of Music</li> <li>The Orchestra: Instruments and their roles</li> <li>Basic Music Theory</li> <li>Music Composition: Creating a piece for the Orchestra.</li> </ul>
Autumn 2	Learn and practice proper posture, breathing, and vocal warm-up exercises to develop vocal control and endurance.      Study different vocal registers (chest, head, falsetto) and learn how to transition between them smoothly.      Explore vocal techniques such as dynamics (soft and loud singing), articulation (clear pronunciation), and phrasing (expressive interpretation) through guided vocal exercises and repertoire.	Band Musicianship: Next to me  Band Musicianship: Next to Me  Music Production: Recording and Mixing
Spring 1	The Power of the Pentatonic Scale  Discover the pentatonic scale and its prevalence in various musical cultures around the world.  Learn to recognize and sing melodies based on the pentatonic scale and experiment with improvisation within this scale.  Analyse popular songs that extensively use the pentatonic scale and discuss its impact on the overall mood and character of the music.	World Music: African Music  World Music: African Music  African Music Instruments and their roles  African Music Performance and Dance



Spring 2	<ul> <li>Study the history and origins of the blues, including its African American roots and its connection to African musical traditions.</li> <li>Listen to and analyse different blues styles and their characteristics, such as 12-bar blues form, call-and-response patterns, and expressive vocal techniques.</li> <li>Explore how the blues has influenced various genres of music, such as jazz, rock, and pop, and discuss specific examples and their musical elements.</li> </ul>	Advanced concepts  Music Theory: Advanced concepts  Music Analysis: Analysing famous pieces of music.  Music Appreciation: Understanding different genres of music.
Summer 1	<ul> <li>Explore the history and cultural significance of reggae music, focusing on its development in Jamaica and its roots in African rhythms and Caribbean folk traditions.</li> <li>Listen to and analyse iconic reggae songs, paying attention to characteristic elements like the "skank" guitar rhythm, offbeat accents, and socially conscious lyrics.</li> <li>Learn and perform reggae rhythms on instruments, such as the guitar or keyboard, and experiment with syncopation and improvisation within the reggae style.</li> </ul>	World Music: Samba  World Music: Samba  Samba Instruments and their roles  Samba Music Performance and Dance
Summer 2	Band Musicianship: Combining Instruments and Vocals  Study different roles within a band, such as lead vocalist, backing vocalist, guitarist, bassist, and drummer, and understand how they contribute to the overall sound.  Collaborate with classmates to form a band and learn to play popular songs together, focusing on the coordination between instruments and vocals.  Experiment with arranging and performing songs by making creative choices regarding instrumentation, vocal harmonies, and dynamics to create unique interpretations.	<ul> <li>Music Tech / Performance</li> <li>Music Production: Creating a music video.</li> <li>Music Performance: Showcasing skills learned throughout the year.</li> <li>Reflection and Evaluation: Reviewing progress and setting goals for the future.</li> </ul>



	Progress Assessment Task Schedule		
	Year 7	Year 8	
Autumn 1	to Joy' and 'Rolling in the deep', using notation, chords on a structured song sheet. Performance evidence.	Appraising Music: recognising different musical elements (Melody, harmony, and texture) in relation to music studied. Written evidence. Test      Creating Ideas: Composing a small piece of music in relation to music studied. Performance or recorded evidence.	
Autumn 2		group with players using different instruments.  2 - Performance & Accuracy / Singing: Performance	
Spring 1	in relation to music studied. Test.  1 - Musical Notation: Student can follow and perform a Pentatonic scale using music notation.  Performance evidence  2 - Creating Ideas / Improvisation: Students can	Performance evidence.  1 - Appraising Music: recognising different musical elements (Rhythm, texture and structure, Instruments) in relation to music studied. Written evidence.	
		2 - Creating Ideas / improvisation: Composing a small piece of music in relation to music studied, with some improvised sections. Performance or recorded evidence.	
Spring 2	<ul> <li>1 - Appraising Music: recognising different musical elements (Melody, harmony, and texture) in relation to music studied (Reggae). Test.</li> <li>2 - Performance &amp; Accuracy / Singing: Performance of a Song within the chosen style (4 chord song). Performance evidence.</li> </ul>	1 - Musical Notation: Student can follow and perform using music notation.      2 - Appraising Music: recognising different musical elements (Rhythm, texture and structure, Instruments) in relation to music studied. Written evidence	
Summer 1	1 - Appraising Music: recognising different musical elements (Melody, harmony, and texture) in relation to music studied (Blues). Test.  2 - Creating Ideas / improvisation: Composing a small piece of music in relation to music studied, with some improvised sections. Performance or recorded evidence.	Instruments) in relation to music studied. Written evidence.	
Summer 2	1 - Performance & Accuracy / Singing:     Performance of a Song within the chosen style     (Reggae/ Blues). Performance evidence      2 - Group Skills: Student can perform as part of a group with players using different instruments.	Group Skills: Student can perform as part of a group with players using different instruments.      Performance & Accuracy / Singing: Performance of a Song within the chosen style Performance evidence	



#### **MUSIC KS4 COURSE STRUCTURE**

Course Title	BTEC Tech Award Music Practice 2022
Qualification (GCSE, BTEC etc)	BTEC
Exam Board	Pearson

Unit	Title	Weighting	Examination Method	
1	Exploring Music Products and Styles	30%	Internal	
2	Music Skills Development	30%	Internal	
3	Responding to a Music Brief	40%	External synoptic	

	Units Delivered		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	Introduction to the course. Start of Component 1: Exploring Music Products and Styles.	Continue with Component 2. Further enhancement of music skills. Prepare for internal assessment.	Continue with Component 3.
Autumn 2	Continue with Component 1.  Deepen understanding of music products and styles. Prepare for internal assessment.	Finalise learning for Component 2. Conduct internal assessment for Component 2. Reflect on results and identify areas for improvement.	Retake opportunity for Components 1 and 2, or early Component 3.
Spring 1	Finalis e learning for Component 1. Conduct internal assessment for Component 1. Reflect on results and areas for improvement.	Review and reinforce Component  2. Start preparing for the final assessments.	Continue and complete Component 3. Conduct final assessments.
Spring 2	Review Component 1. Introduction to Component 2: Music Skills Development.	Continuation of preparation for final assessments. Conduct mock assessments and review results.	
Summer 1	Start of Component 2. Focus on basic music skill development.	Final preparation for end of year assessments. Conduct final assessments.	
Summer 2	Continue with Component 2.  Deepen understanding and proficiency in music skills through practical activities.	Introduction of Component 3	



	Progress Assessment Task Schedule		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	1 - Initial understanding of		
	Component 1 (Informal	1 - Skills evaluation in	1 - Continuation with Component 3
Autumn 1	assessment: ongoing feedback)	Component 2	(Informal ongoing feedback)
	1 - Continuation with Component	1 - Formal Assessment for	
	1 (Informal assessment: ongoing	"Music Skills Development"	1 - Retake opportunities or early
Autumn 2	feedback)	(Component 2)	stages of Component 3
	1 - Understanding and application	1 - Skills evaluation in	1 - Deepening understanding in
Spring 1	of Component 1 concepts	Component 2	Component 3
	1 - Formal Assessment for		1 - Formal Assessment for
	"Exploring Music Products and	1 - Mock assessments for	"Responding to a Music Brief"
Spring 2	Styles" (Component 1)	Component 2	(Component 3)
	1 - Introduction and		
	understanding of Component 2		
	(Informal assessment: ongoing	1 - Review and preparation for	
Summer 1	feedback)	final Component 2 assessment	
	1 - Continuation with Component		
	2 (Informal assessment: ongoing	1 - Initial understanding and	
Summer 2	feedback on activities)	exploration of Component 3	

## OCR GCSE Music (1-9)

## **KS4 COURSE STRUCTURE**

Course Title	OCR GCSE Music (1-9)
Qualification (GCSE, BTEC etc)	GCSE
Exam Board	OCR

Unit	Title	Weighting	Examination Method
1	Performing	30%	Controlled Assessment
2	Composing	30%	Controlled Assessment
3	Listening and Appraising	40%	External Examination



	Units Delivered		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Introduction to the course. Basic	Continuation of Areas of Study,	
	music theory. Study of first set	focusing on set works and	
Autumn 1	work from Area of Study 1.	related listening.	Review of all Areas of Study.
	Introduction to performing.	Development of performing	
	Initial exploration of composing	pieces. Start of first	
	techniques. Study of second set	composition project.	Finalizing performances and
Autumn 2	work from Area of Study 1.	Continuation of set works.	compositions.
		Study of set works from	
	Introduction to Area of Study 2.	remaining Areas of Study.	Listening and Appraising exam
Spring 1	Study of first set work.	Finalizing first composition.	preparation.
	Study of second set work from	Development of second	
	Area of Study 2. Introduction to	composition. Finalizing	
Spring 2	Area of Study 3.	performing pieces.	Mock examinations.
		Finalizing all components for	
	Exploration of wider listening	end of Year 10. Introduction to	
Summer 1	related to Areas of Study 1 and 2.	Area of Study 4.	Exam preparation and review.
	Begin developing performance	Reflection on Year 10 and	
Summer 2	repertoire for Year 10.	preparation for Year 11.	Examinations.

	Progress Assessment Task Schedule		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	1 - Basic theory assessment.	1 - Performance check-in.	1 - Review assessment on all Areas of Study.
Autumm	1 - Basic theory assessment.	1 - Feriormance check-in.	Study.
	1 - Performance progress check.		
Autumn 2	2 - Composing draft.	1 - Composition 1 completion.	1 - Performance finalization check.
	1 - Listening test on Area of	1 - Listening test on known set	
Spring 1	Study 1.	works.	1 - Mock exam.
	1 - Listening test on Area of		1 - Performance and Composition final
Spring 2	Study 2.	1 - Composition 2 draft.	check.
Summer 1	1 - Wider listening test.	1 - Performance progress check.	1 - Final review before exams.
	1 - End of year performance	1 - End of year listening	
Summer 2	assessment.	assessment.	1 - Final examinations.



## Curriculum map: PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA

#### **DRAMA KS3 COURSE STRUCTURE**

	Units Delivered	
	Year 7	Year 8
	Drama techniques	Practitioners
	1. Still image	1. Melodrama
Autumn 1	2. Thought Tracking	2. Stanislavski
Skills builder	3. Cross cutting	3. Brecht
	4. Marking the moment	4. Artaud
	5. Proxemics	5. Grotowski
	Darkwood Manor	Murder Mystery
	1. Body props	<ol> <li>Introduction to Agatha Christie and her missing days</li> </ol>
Autumn 2	2. Vocal skills	2. Witness for the prosecution
Devised theatre	3. Tension/atmosphere	3. Mousetrap
	4. Flashback/forward	4. Devising workshop
	5. Monologue	5. Rehearsal
	Grimm fairy tales – 1812	The Government inspector – 1835
	1. Introduction to Grimm fairy tales – 1812	1. Adaptations – Russian to British
Spring 1	2. Re working the story	2. Plot exploration
Pre 1914 text	3. Types of narration	3. Character development – Hot seating
	4. Linking subtext to the moral	4. Scene rehearsal
	5. Rehearsal	5. Scene rehearsal
	Metamorphosis	"Teechers"
	Introduction to Kafka novella	Introduction to the play Teechers and John Godber
Spring 2	2. Introduction to Metamorphosis play	2. Re cap of Brecht – multirole
Contemporary text	3. Berkoff techniques – i.e. school of fish	3. Staging
	4. Shadow work for beetle	4. Characterisation – physical and vocal
	5. Rehearsal	5. Rehearsal of extract



	Physical theatre	
	Introduction to Frantic assembly	Acting for camera
	2. Learning to fly – Link to curious	Camera angles and shots – link with University
Summer 1	incident	2. Facial expressions on camera
Bredth of	3. Chair duets – link to things I know to be true	3. Blocking and marks
theatre	be tide	4. Rehearsal of scene
experience.	4. Othello	5. Filming of the scene
	5. Rehearsal	
	East is East	The Lamplighter – Jackie Kay
	1. Introduction to the play text	<ol> <li>Introduction to the British slave trade – link to History</li> </ol>
	2. Enoch Powell – rivers of blood	
Summer 2	3. Projection in performance	2. Creation of tension and atmosphere
Diversity	o. Trojection in performance	3. Monologues – from all stakeholders
	4. Characterisation	4 Uning facts and the play to exects a group
	5. Scene rehearsal	4. Using facts and the play to create a group performance
		5. Rehearsal

	Progress Assessment Task Schedule	
	Year 7	Year 8
Autumn 1	1 - Creating	1 -Creating
	Students can show the use of a number of techniques including; Still image, thought tracking, cross cutting, marking the moment use of levels and proxemics.  2 -Responding  Students can give feedback to others groups using complete sentences and connectives to help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	Students can build on a starting point of Melodrama to use techniques of Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud and Grotowski to vary the theatre styles they use.  2 -Responding  Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.
Autumn 2	1 -Performing  Students can use teachniques learnt such as tension to create an extended performance that is full of atmosphere and use skills such as Facial expressions, body language, gesture and voice.  2 -Responding  Students can give feedback to others groups using complete sentences and connectives to	1 -Creating  Students can use the works of Agatha Christie and her real life experience to create a Murder mystery performance in the style of a practitioner studied in unit 1.  2 -Responding  Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.



	help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	
Spring 1	1 -Performing  Students will adapt fairy tales using simple	1 -Performing  Students can use characterisation (both vocal and
	techniques to bring them up to date – they will perform with a focus on, creation of character, use of voice (pitch, tone and volume) and use narration techniques to draw in an audience	physical) to create the exaggerated characters needed to draw out the comedy of the text and present it with considered staging.  2 -Responding
	2 -Responding  Students can give feedback to others groups using complete sentences and connectives to help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.
Spring 2	1 -Creating	1 -Performing
	Students can create shadow beetles using physical theatre and shadows and incorporate these into text work from the paly. They are aware of Berkoff techniques and use them to	Students will utilise their knowledge of Brecht to perform the play Teechers showing clear differentiation between the roles they play both physically and vocally.
	develop ensemble work.	2 -Responding
	2 -Responding	Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific
	Students can give feedback to others groups using complete sentences and connectives to help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.
Summer 1	1 - Creating	1- Creating
	Students can create theatre using body props, chair duets and lifts in the style of frantic assembly.  2 -Responding	Students can perform for camera showing use of close up acting techniques, they will use different camera shots and angles to help create story and be aware of the audience and what they want to communicate to them.
	Students can give feedback to others groups	2 -Responding
	using complete sentences and connectives to help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.
Summer 2	1 -Performing	1 -Performing
	Students will perform showing an understanding of the themes of the text and be able to portray difficult characters through physical and vocal skills.	Students will perform a monologue from the text using their historical knowledge of the setting and character and showing this in their physical and vocal performance.
	2 -Responding	2 -Responding
	Students can give feedback to others groups using complete sentences and connectives to help improve their work as well as identify good practice.	Students can give feedback to other groups for positive work and for improvements using subject specific language in full and complex sentences. They can also act upon feedback received to develop their work.



#### **DRAMA KS4 COURSE STRUCTURE**

Course Title	Performing Arts
Qualification (GCSE, BTEC etc)	Level 1 / 2 Vocational (Technical Award)
Exam Board	WJEC

Unit	Title	Weighting	Examination Method	
Unit 1	Performing	30%	Internal	
Unit 2	Creating	30%	Internal	
Unit 3	Performing Arts in Practice	40%	External	

	Units Delivered		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	Style and Practitioner		
	Workshops	Unit 1 – polish and improvement	Polish and improve all work from units taken in year 10.
Autumn 2	DNA		
Spring 1	National Theatre	Unit 2 – Research and	Unit 3: Performing Arts in Practice
Spring 2	Connection Festivals	devising workshops.	(External & Internal assessment Window)
Summer 1	Unit 1 – Performing	Unit 2 – Creating	
Summer 2			

	Progress Assessment Task Schedule		
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1	1 - Creating  Students use their knowledge of the plot and characters to perform selected scenes from the play, they can use body language, gesture and voice to show a clear character that develops as the story progresses.	1 – Performing/responding Students respond to feedback from their unit 1 results and make changes accordingly.  2 – Creating	1 – improvements to unit 1 based on marks and feedback given. 2 – Final grades awarded
	2 -Responding	Marks will be awarded for the quality of the devised work and incorporation of	



	Students can give feedback	practitioners, techniques and	
	to others for both positive	styles.	
	traits and things to improve		
	using extended sentences		
	with drama vocabulary, they		
	can also evaluate their own		
	work as they go making		
	adaptations accordingly.		
Autumn 2	1 -Creating	1 – Creating	1 -improvements to unit 2 based on marks and feedback given.
	Students will create a		
	performance in the style of	Students will create a	
	one of the styles covered	portfolio of research into the	
	i.e. ensemble, epic,		
	commedia and be able to	stimulus and complie a range	2 – Final grades awarded
	demonstrate skill in the use	of strategies to use within	
	of that genre.	their piece, and make a presentation.	
	2 -Responding		
	Students can give feedback	2 – Responding	
	to others for both positive		
	traits and things to improve	Students will feedback on	
	using extended sentences	portfolio ideas and	
	with drama vocabulary, they	presentation and develop	
	can also evaluate their own	their work accordingly.	
	work as they go making		
	adaptations accordingly.		
Spring 1	1 – Creating	Creating/responding	
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	Students will research the		
	issue in our given play and		
	use this to develop		
	character, students can use	External exam unit	
	prior knowledge to select a		
	style or practitioner suitable		All assessments completed.
	for the play and use the		
	techniques accordingly.		
	2 – Performing		
	Students will develop skills		
	in ensemble work, as well		
	individual performance		
	skills including vocal and		
	physical ability.		
Spring 2	1 – Performing	Creating/responding	
	Students will perform to an		
	audience, communicating		
	meaning and enact the		



	feedback given by the NT	External exam unit	
	director.		
	2 – Responding		
	Students will evaluate their		
	performance taking into		
	account the audience		
	feedback.		
Summer 1	1 – creating	1 -Creating	
	Students will research the	Students will devise a	
	social, political and	performance and create a	
	historical aspects of the	logbook of their progress	
	play two by Jim Cartwright		
	and create a portfolio of		
	their work.		
		2 – Responding	
	2 – Performing	Midpoint mock	
	Students will rehearse their	Students will respond to	
	play in groups, creating a	feedback and evaluate	
	logbook of their progress	others	
	and an annotated script.		
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Summer 2	1 – Performing	1 – Performing	
	Students will perform their	Students will perform their	
	play to an audience. Marks	devised pieces to an	
	are awarded for acting	audience.	
	only.		
	2 – Responding	2 – Responding	
	A written evaluation of their	z – Nesponding	
	work is produced taking into		
	account audience feedback and creating an action plan		
	to go forward with.	evaluation of their work	
	to go foi ward with.	incorporating the feedback of	
		others and creating an action	
		plan for future work.	
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