

Subject	Year 7 Content – Autumn/Spring Term	How to support students' learning
Music	<p>Flying High with Holst</p> <p>Music is split into 3 subsections: Listening, Performing & Composing.</p> <p>Listening: What are the elements of music? <i>Looking at how we can describe music using the musical elements: melody, rhythm, timbre, tempo, dynamics, tonality, harmony, texture, and structure.</i></p> <p>How can we use the elements to analyse music? <i>Students will listen to and explore a variety of movements from Holst's 'Planet's Suite' and subsequently analyse how each of the elements are used.</i></p> <p>Performing: Students will learn basic keyboard skills using staff notation. <i>They will learn how to read pitch and rhythm (using basic note values), which will enable them to play 'Ode To Joy' (Beethoven) with their right hand.</i></p> <p>Composing: Students will use a rhythmic framework that builds on their knowledge of note values and then compose their own melodic and rhythmic materials to fit the Space theme brief. <i>Students will use their keyboard and ICT skills to sequence their work in Cubase.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to listen to more Western Classical Music: Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Stravinsky are all great examples of composers who wrote music during this time. • Education quizzes has some music quizzes (KS3 Music - 20 Enjoyable Quizzes for Years 7, 8 and 9 (educationquizzes.com)), have a look at: Arrangement 01, Composition (Basics) 01, Form and Structure 01, The Concerto 01, and Fundamental Elements of Music 01. • Classic FM have fantastic resources to introduce you to different types of music, here's a link to introduce the various eras of Western Classical Music: The 4 eras of classical music: a quick guide - Classic FM • Here's a link to a wealth of information about the composer, Gustav Holst who wrote The Planets Suite: Holst - Composers - Classic FM • To help learn about the instruments involved in the orchestra, follow this link: Musical Instruments Discover Music - Classic FM. We would also encourage you to get in touch if you are interested in learning a musical instrument – this would really help you excel in Music! • If you have a keyboard at home, you could encourage your child to learn how to play it online. Here is a great website where Dave Hall offers free video tutorials: Finchcocks launches free online beginner's courses Finchcocks Piano Courses • This is a great website to help your child to boost their music theory skills: musictheory.net - Lessons, you can also download the app on an iPhone or iPad. Take a look at: Note Duration, Measures and Time Signature and The Staff, Clefs and Ledger Lines. • This is another great website to support your music theory: Grade 1 music theory - free online lessons

		<p>mymusictheory.com). It features free website-based lessons, PDF downloads and video courses to help boost your music theory skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have an Apple device, why not try out GarageBand? This software is similar to Cubase and allows you to compose your own music! See if you can compose your own Space theme piece. • BBC Bitesize have some fantastic resources to help accompany your child's learning that you can find here: KS3 Music - BBC Bitesize. We would recommend:
Subject	Year 7 Content – Spring/Summer Term	How to support students' learning
Music	<p>African Music</p> <p>Listening: How is African Music used in society? What are the key features of African music? What are some key African instruments? <i>Students will learn the conventions of African music through listening to various pieces and identifying how the musical elements are used. Students will analyse, evaluate, and compare music in listening exercises, identifying contextual influences and musical conventions used.</i></p> <p>Performing: Students will perform basic rhythms on Djembe drums and sing Jambo (a well-known Swahili song). <i>Students will perform with accuracy and confidence; they will develop their awareness of others and the role they play within an ensemble. They will also aim to plan how they will use the musical elements in their performance.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to listen to different African artists: Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Angélique Kidjo and Afro Celt Sound System are great examples to show the key features of African music. Artists such as: Paul Simon and Stevie Wonder have also released songs which feature African influences. • Education quizzes has some music quizzes (KS3 Music - 20 Enjoyable Quizzes for Years 7, 8 and 9 (educationquizzes.com)), have a look at: Time and Key Signatures 01 and Variations 01. • This is a great website to help your child to boost their music theory skills: musictheory.net - Lessons, you can also download the app on an iPhone or iPad. Take a look at: Rest Duration, Dots and Ties, and Generic Intervals. • Here is a documentary on Miriam Makeba, a South African singer and civil rights activist whose music delivered messages against racism and poverty: BBC iPlayer - Storyville - The Queen of Africa: The Miriam Makeba Story.

<p>Music</p>	<p>Blues Music</p> <p>Listening: What is Blues music? Where did Blues music come from? What instruments are involved in Jazz and Blues? Who are the key artists who influenced Jazz and Blues? <i>Students will understand the cultural factors that led to blues music. They will also learn who the key artists of blues music are and understand the key features that separate Blues from other musical genres. Students will analyse, evaluate, and compare music in listening exercises, identifying contextual influences, musical elements and musical conventions used.</i></p> <p>Composing: Students will learn 'Blue Triangle Head' on the keyboard and sequence this into Cubase. <i>Students will also use the chords of the 12-bar blues to enhance their keyboard skills. To extend their knowledge and understanding, students are also encouraged to compose their own walking bass melody and improvisation.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to listening to Blues music: B. B. King, Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles and Louis Armstrong. • Education quizzes has some music quizzes (KS3 Music - 20 Enjoyable Quizzes for Years 7, 8 and 9 (educationquizzes.com)), have a look at: The Song 01, Jazz Chords 01 and Jazz Improvisation 01. • This is a great website to help you boost your music theory skills: musictheory.net - Lessons, you can also download the app on an iPhone or iPad. Take a look at: Introduction to Chords and Diatonic Triads. • If you have an Apple device, why not try out GarageBand? This software is similar to Cubase and allows you to compose your own music! See if you can compose your own Blues piece. • Also referred to as 'The Devil's Music', there are many documentaries and short clips that have been produced to help you discover more about the Blues. Find them here: BBC - The Devil's Music.
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