

Subject	Year 7 Content – Autumn term	How to support students' learning
Music	Musical Starter Kit/ Flying High with Holst Music is split into 3 subsections: Listening, Performing & Composing. 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> 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 'Ode to Joy' subsequently analyse how each of the elements are used.</i> 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> 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 Bandlab.</i>	How to support students' learning • 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 KS3 Music – Revision Quizzes – Years 7, 8 and 9 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: 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. musictheory.net - Lessons • This is another great website to support your music theory: Grade 1 ABRSM Music Theory Start - My Music Theory It features free website-based lessons, PDF downloads and video courses to help boost your music theory skills. • 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
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