

Subject	Year 7 Content Spring term	How to support student's learning
Music	African Music 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> 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>	• 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 – Revision Quizzes – Years 7, 8 and 9 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 Four - Storyville, The Queen of Africa: The Miriam Makeba Story
Music	Blues Music Listening: What is Blues music? Where did Blues music come from? What instruments are involved in	• 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 – Revision Quizzes – Years 7, 8 and 9

	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> Composing: Students will learn ‘Blue Triangle Head’ on the keyboard and sequence this into Bandlab. <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>	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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