





Knowledge Mat: Music in Year 9

Units Studied during the year...		Vocabulary & Definitions
<p>Chords into Jazz</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to use a variety of chords used in jazz. Perform the blues through to songs featured in musicals. Compose a jazz chord progression and melody. 	<p>What can I do to 'widen' my experiences musically?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for opportunities to get involved – Music/Drama. 	<p>Seventh chords: 4 note chords.</p> <p>Added chords: triad chords with other notes added – 9th, 11th & 13th all above the 1st note.</p> <p>Ornamentation: decorations that are made to the main melody.</p> <p>Tala: the percussion part in a piece of Indian music.</p>
<p>Improvisation v's Organisation</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn of the connections between non-western and music from the Baroque period. Perform and improvise on a Toccata by Bach. Compose & improvise using Indian Classical structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take part in a school performance before Year 10! 	<p>Raga: an Indian 'mode' (there are 500 of them) that Indian performers improvise around.</p> <p>Ornamentation: Extra fancy bits that composers add to their melodies (trills & mordents).</p> <p>Polyrhythm: different rhythms combined.</p> <p>Motif: or 'cell' the main idea that repeats, used in Minimalism.</p>
<p>Polyrhythm into Minimalism</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover features common to world music & minimalism. Perform traditional African music & music by contemporary minimalist composers. Compose music incorporating minimalist techniques. 	<p>Big Questions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Technology v's 'live' composing? 	<p>Layered Textures: gradual entry of parts to gradually thicken the 'texture' and become more complicated.</p> <p>Fanfare: Loud, short piece of music to announce arrival of something/someone.</p> <p>Imitation: where a musical idea is 'imitated/copied' in another instrument.</p>
<p>Music for special occasions</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how music is associated with different events. Perform a range of music written for special occasions. Compose music in response to a commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'power' of a chord...? Are my skills ready for GCSE? 	<p>Tonality: the key used (major/minor) has a big impact on the mood of music.</p> <p>Ternary Form: 'of 3 parts' – 3 sections of music, ABA.</p> <p>Drone: sustained note that can create tension when used in a low instrument.</p>