





Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Link to subject content	Prior learning	Assessment	Next link in curriculum
Set works: Compulsory area of study 1: The Baroque Concerto	Autumn	 Development of research skills re Time period and characteristics Practice listening questions on set works to identify characteristics aurally Listen to similar works and compare characteristics Practice questions aurally on set works Score analysis of set works developing independently Analysis of Purcell, Vivaldi and Bach and recognising the development of the concerto genre Listening to 'authentic' performances and modern performances 	Develop a deepening understanding of the music and its history	Reneral context of Baroque from GCSE set works Brandenburg Concerto No 5 and Music for a While Structure Score reading Harmony/chords	Regular retrieval starter – vocab etc Listening questions Specimen questions gridwork	Y13 Continue independent identification of characteristics of set pieces using scores Y12/13 Use interval recognition for dictation exercises – again – faster identification due to practice Y12/13 Use correct terminology more frequently in written work and verbally
Optional Area of Study: Musical Theatre	Autumn	 Recap of the general context and vocab of the genre from GCSE Identifying chords and harmony in the music/on the score Reiterating the effect of the instrumentation of the music and also the effect of timbre Recognising compositional techniques and structures used by composers in this AoS and identifying sections and repeated material Identifying characteristics of the genre that can be found in the set works more independently 	Develop a deepening understanding of the music and its history	Notation: Treble, bass and alto clefs Key signatures Structure and form from GCSE Chords and extended chords Vocal techniques from GCSE Knowledge of genre and context from GCSE set work c.f. Defying gravity	Regular retrieval – vocab etc Listening questions Essays marked by staff	Y12 Regular embedding and reinforcing knowledge from score analysis in order to answer listening questions more accurately and at a faster pace Y13 retrieve terminology with increasing swiftness



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Optional Area of Study: Pop Music Composition: 4 part functional harmony and free composition	Autumn: Sept Oct	 Look at styles and influences from the genre for all suggested pieces Build up characteristics of the era and recognise within the pieces Increase knowledge of the musicians Acknowledge and investigate technology used plus appropriate terminology Analyse aurally Western functional harmony (4 part) in the style of J. S. Bach – basic progressions, scoring protocol, cadences in short exercises Applying knowledge in a practical context Further develop confidence in composing by using models to analyse 	Improvise and compose; develop musical ideas and use different types of scales	Knowledge of genre and context from GCSE set work c.f. Killer Queen Notation Triad building Key signatures Voice ranges Use of technology Instrumental ranges and timbres Techniques from GCSE composition	Regular retrieval Listening questions Gridwork Staff assess weekly 4 part work and provide feedback Staff give verbal feedback for development weekly for free composition and formal feedback at appropriate points	Y12 Enhance aural skills – recognise chords Y13 Continue to use aural recognition of chords and harmony at a quicker pace Y13 Use prior learning for revision and exam questions Y12/13 Composition – use 'tools' from knowledge in independent composition Y12 Learn the parameters of Western functional harmony (also an aid to score analysis)
4 Part Harmony	Autumn: Nov Dec	 Cadential writing looking at common cadential formulae and aural identification. No modulation or chromaticism but varied keys should be used to reinforce theory from 1st half-term. Focused work towards their decided structure and form. Focus must be driven by structure with melodic 	Play and perform confidently Use different types of scales	Notation Triads Vocal ranges Keys and cadences Technology	As above	Y12/13 Identify cadential points in longer exercises and use the appropriate formula



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Free Composition 4 part Harmony	Spring:	development and motivic work Modulations and chromaticism Regular listening to aid creativity				Y13 Produce an accurate score Y13 voice leading,
Free		Work towards completion of whole phrase of 4-part harmony without modulation				looking at individual lines
Composition		 or chromaticism. Composing accurately and effectively in one key Development of key signatures and major/minor keys and subsequent chord anomalies Continue work on ideas for free composition 				Y12 modulating and introducing minor keys and chromaticism
Performance: Individual performance	Spring	Prepare a performance for assessment	Play and perform confidently Use staff notation in a range of musical styles	Instrumental and vocal techniques GCSE performance skills	Staff give formal written feedback and verbal discussion with student for development using exam board criteria	Y13 Mock and Final A level programme Self-reflection on critique for further development as a performer
Compulsory Area of Study 1: Romantic piano music	Spring	 Retrieve and embed previously learned vocabulary re: classical/romantic eras Further develop ability to identify certain features relevant to above eras Acknowledge and listen to early piano sounds Use independent analysis skills more frequently Comparison of styles of Chopin, Brahms and Grieg 	Identify tonalities, different types of scales Develop a deeper understanding of the music which they perform: listen to examples and learn its history Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music	Reference to GCSE set work 'Pathetique' sonata by Beethoven as the precursor Use of more complex harmony and texture Retrieval of Romantic characteristics from KS3 and GCSE Development of the piano	Retrieval etc Listening questions Grid work	Y12 Reinforce vocabulary pertinent to the era Y12 Embed newer vocabulary and apply to analysis Y13 Increasingly independent analysis Y12 Utilise ideas and techniques in independent



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						composition where appropriate
Recap of topics and retrieval of knowledge	Summer	 Retrieval of vocabulary associated with set works and areas pf study Practice of aural recognition in a variety of genres/topics related to areas of study 	Identify tonalities, different types of scales Develop a deeper understanding of the music which they perform: listen to examples and learn its history	All notation All notes and score analysis All previous listening questions/exam style questions	Written/verbal feedback	Y12 Embed background, context and a wide range of listening in study areas in revision for analysis Y13 Use for revision
End of Year Examination	Julie	 Appropriate paper Prepare a piece for performance to be formally assessed (see above) Submit a draft composition for assessment 	Listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music		Staff mark examination paper	Y12 Practice questions and skills learned and identify areas for strengthening Y13 Preparation for performing in front of an audience /final A level; programme Feedback and self analysis of performance in order to move forward in Y13
Compulsory Area of Study 1: The Operas of Mozart	July	 Begin preparatory work for topic Watch Act 1 of the Marriage of Figaro Understand the plot and begin making the connections in the music Look at other Mozart operas 	Develop a deeper understanding of the music which they perform: listen to examples and learn its history	Classical Period from KS3 Structure and styles Musical theatre	Listening questions assessed	Y13 full analysis Y13 fully connect plot to music Y13 identify characteristics of orchestration more swiftly







4 part harmony	July	Continue practicing longer	All previous techniques	Ongoing marking	Y13 Brief 1
Free Composition		exercises – soprano line onlyImprove draft submission after discussion			Y13 full score