Curriculum Overview – Music						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	
Unit 1		Students widen their knowledge of ukulele/keyboard. They learn to play more complex	Students gain knowledge of composition tool software, Sibelius	Students gain basic music theory knowledge. They learn to understand and	Students continue their development of composition skills through completion of composition coursework – set	
	Students gain knowledge of:	pieces.	They learn basic functionality of the software	identify all the musical elements.	brief.	
	Classroom instruments and how to correctly play them	They learn rehearsal technique in smaller groups	They learn how to recreate a full score of a simple piece	They develop their recognition of treble and bass pitch.	Students develop their knowledge of the ensemble AOS through the study of jazz and	
	Traditional rhythm notation	They continue to develop performance through large and	They develop their knowledge by	They continue to develop their	blues.	
	Correct basic singing technique and posture	smaller group ensembles.	creating their own melody and extending to harmony where appropriate.	understanding of rhythm notation and time signature.	They learn how to listen and recognize standard features of jazz and blues and all elements	
	Initial ensemble etiquette and practise Basic ukulele technique			They learn how to recognise simple errors in standard notation.	of DRMATTSMITH	
	Students will have the opportunity to practise all of the above gained knowledge					
Unit 2	Students continue to learn about correct singing technique and posture	Students study how to use basic sequencing software through use of a standard DAW	Students continue to learn to apply their knowledge of both ukulele and keyboard	Students gain knowledge of AOS 4 - Popular Music.	Students continue their development of composition skills through completion of	
	They develop their ability to pitch in a large ensemble whilst singing both unison and in rounds.		understanding by composing a four-chord song in small groups – lyrics provided.	They learn all associated vocabulary and develop ability to identify the musical elements	composition coursework – free brief.	
	They develop their performance technique through whole year Christmas	to their own compositions using MIxCraft.	They continue to learn basic rehearsal and composition	through listening and DRMATTSMITH.	Students gain full knowledge of both set works through thorough analysis.	
	singing at the end of term.	Thye develop their understanding and application of diegetic and non-diegetic music.	techniques They continue develop their	Students are introduced to Africa and learn the basic features through whole class	Students apply set work knowledge through practise	
			understanding of successful ensemble and of compositional structure	performance of the song.	questions.	
Unit 3	5	Students develop their knowledge of standard music notation through bass clef and grand staff reading.	Students continue to develop their knowledge of appraising skills combined with development of tier 3 musical vocabulary.	Students gain knowledge of AOS 4 – Film Music. They learn all associated	Students continue their development of composition skills through completion of composition coursework – free	
			,	vocabulary and develop ability	brief and set brief.	

	They will practice and develop their sight recognition through DrMusik and musictheory.net. They will develop knowledge of standard keyboard layout and combine this with pitch reading.	their sight recognition through DrMusik and musictheory.net. They will develop knowledge of	They will listen to a range of music and learn how to identify instruments and techniques, melodic and harmonic features, rhythmic features and symbols of standard notation.	to identify the musical elements through listening and DRMATTSMITH. Students continue to develop their ensemble skill through performance of a set song in groups.	Students practise vocabulary knowledge and elemental understanding through specific element workbooks.
Unit 4	Students continue their development of understanding the ukulele. They learn how to play four chords and practice them for fluency, consistency and musicality. They will learn to play several songs as a whole class using these four chords. They will learn additional chords if and where appropriate.	knowledge of both ukulele and keyboard playing into a smaller ensemble performance of a 4 chord song. They learn basic rehearsal and	towards a performance at the end of the term that showcases their progress through KS3.	to identify the musical elements	Revision AOS 1, 3
Unit 5	appraising skills combined with development of tier 3 musical vocabulary. They will listen to a range of music and	Students being to develop their compositional ability. They gain understanding of ground bass, binary form and melodic sequence and apply these to a keyboard composition in pairs or small groups.		They learn all associated vocabulary and develop ability to identify the musical elements through listening and DRMATTSMITH.	Revision AOS 2, 4
Unit 6	performance	Students continue to develop their knowledge of appraising skills combined with development of tier 3 musical vocabulary. They will listen to a range of music and learn how to identify instruments and techniques, melodic and harmonic features,	theory, performance or composition skills in a range of ways:	Students continue to develop their appraising skills through mock exam practise and specific element practise workbooks. Students apply all gained knowledge through y10 into appraising practice.	

	rhythmic features and symbols of standard notation.	Through presentation.	
ensemble settings			
They continue their development of performance skills.			