



**Armfield Academy – Department of Performing Arts (Music) – Key Stage 3**  
**2025-26 Year 8 Scheme of Work (Curriculum Overview)**



Half Term 1	
Date	Topic: Offbeat
	Learning Questions
Week 1	The origins of reggae and chords in a Caribbean song
Week 2	Exploring offbeat chords
Week 3	Exploring bass lines
Week 4	Exploring hooks
Week 5	Creating a reggae arrangement
Week 6	Arrangement task
Week 7	Performance
Half Term 2	
Date	Topic: Film Music
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Why is music important in films?
Week 2	Leitmotifs
Week 3	Composing a leitmotif
Week 4	Developing a leitmotif
Week 5	Composing background music for a film
Week 6	Composition
Week 7	Listening and evaluation
Half Term 3	
Date	Topic: 12 Bar Blues
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Introduction to the Blues
Week 2	Chord progression
Week 3	Walking bass
Week 4	The Blues scale
Week 5	Improvisation
Week 6	Performance
Half Term 4	
Date	Topic: Ukulele
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Introduction to the ukulele
Week 2	Understanding chord charts
Week 3	Reading ukulele tab
Week 4	Rehearsal in groups
Week 5	Rehearsal in pairs
Week 6	Performance and evaluation
Half Term 5	
Date	Topic: Electronic Dance Music
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Introduction to dance music
Week 2	Drum beats and bass line
Week 3	Creating hook or riff
Week 4	Composing
Week 5	Listening and evaluation
Half Term 6	
Date	Topic: Band Skills
	Learning Questions
Week 1	Roles within a band
Week 2	Keyboard skills
Week 3	Introduction to project
Week 4	Rehearsal
Week 5	Rehearsal
Week 6	Rehearsal
Week 7	Performance
Week 8	Evaluation