

ASHTON COMMUNITY SCIENCE COLLEGE: MUSIC CURRICULUM

Year 8					
	Half term 1 & 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Knowledge	Topic: Hooks & Riffs / The Blues What are hooks and riffs? Learning to perform a hook or riff on keyboard or ukulele. Performing the 12 bar blues on either keyboard, ukulele, guitar or bass. Composing a hook or riff in response to a stimulus, as a member of a small group. Learning to compose a blues song, incorporating stylistic features of the blues Demonstrating broken chords, walking bass line ostinato and arpeggio on either keyboard or ukulele.	Topic: Instruments of the OrchestraLearning about different orchestral instruments and their role within an orchestra.Understanding sheet music notation, and learning an instrumental part.Developing ensemble skills to perform 'Beethoven's 5th Symphony' as a class ensemble.	Topic: All About that Bass Learning how to read musical notation using the bass clef. Developing skills of reading bass clef notation by performing a bass riff on either the bass guitar, or the keyboard. Learning to use specific musical vocabulary to analyse a piece of music.	Topic: Rock through the Decades Building on notation reading skills to perform a rock song using either treble clef or bass clef notation. How do I practice effectively on an instrument in order to make good progress? An understanding of the key features of rock music, and how the genre has developed within the twentieth century.	Topic: Ensemble skillsDeveloping skills in order to maintain an instrumental or vocal part, whilst performing as an ensemble.Utilising practice time effectively, to develop musicianship as a member of an ensemble.Demonstrating a sound understanding of ensemble skills including accuracy, timing, and listening skills.
Skills/ application of knowledge	Instrumental performance on either keyboard or ukulele An understanding of the origins of Blues music through historical timelines, and an understanding of the musical features of blues, including the influence of blues on popular music genres. OWN independent practice time to learn a hook or riff, and prepare for solo performance. Performing chords on the keyboard or ukulele, as part of a whole class ensemble.	Musical notation reading skills Instrumental skills, with the opportunity to incorporate orchestral instruments. OWN independent practice time to develop instrumental skill on chosen instrument. Performing as a class incorporating different parts.	Building on knowledge of keyboard skills to incorporate the left hand, and bass clef. An understanding of how the bass guitar works, and how it is used within popular music genres. OWN independent practice time to learn riffs using the bass clef.	Building on skills of reading treble and bass clef through practical activities. Developing skills on a chosen instrument. OWN independent practice time to learn pieces of music on a chosen instrument, working towards a solo performance.	Applying the knowledge learnt this year to develop ensemble skills further on a chosen instrument. OWN independent practice time to develop skill on the chosen instrument. An understanding of how to be an effective musician within an ensemble.
Links to prior	Listen	Listen	Listen	Listen	Listen
learning	Compose Improvise Perform Reading notation	Compose Improvise Perform Reading notation	Compose Improvise Perform Reading notation	Compose Improvise Perform Reading notation	Compose Improvise Perform Reading notation
Assessment	Listening assessment Performing/composing assessment	Listening assessment Performance assessment	Bass clef performance assessment Written assessment: bass clef notation.	Solo performance assessment Listening assessment: Rock music.	Ensemble Performance assessment Final assessment: End of year assessment