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| Learner stage | What I should know, understand, be able to explain or do |
| Exceptional Mastery (E) | I have used musical elements effectively such as rhythm, dynamics, texture and harmony to structure and develop my piece.  My composition is enjoyable and satisfying and has a clear sense of style.  I have understood and included a key change in my music. |
| Advancing mastery (A) | I can create contrast in my music to show clear structure  I can create a balanced melody |
| Secure mastery (S) | I can create musical ideas that are appropriate to the given brief eg: use of dynamics, instruments, tempo.  I can create chord progressions that include inversions and at least one extended chord  I can create a melody |
| Developing mastery (D) | I can create simple chord progressions  I can develop my music by adding bassline, ostinato and drums  I can contribute to writing lyrics |
| Emerging mastery (F) | I can create simple musical ideas that include chords  I can layer up my ideas with others. |