



Year 8 Assessment Window 2: Music

Key Terms Revision List

These key terms have been covered across your music lessons since Christmas. Spend time revising and consolidating these key terms in preparation for your music assessment during Assessment Window 2. **Create mind maps, cue cards or a method of your choice to help you learn and remember.**

Key term: MUSIC	Definition
Ascending melody	Moving upwards in pitch.
Descending melody	Moving downwards in pitch.
Dotted rhythm	This can help provide a 'bouncy' feel to the music.
Crescendo	Gradually getting louder.
Diminuendo	Gradually getting quieter.
Major key	This helps provide a happy feeling to the music.
Minor key	This helps create a sad feeling to the music.
Ritardando	Gradually slowing down.
Accelerando	Gradually speeding up.
Glissando	A continuous slide upwards or downwards between the notes.

Key term: MUSIC TECH	Definition
Step input	Inserting the notes into music software with a mouse (rather than playing them in on a MIDI controller)
Quantize	The division of a bar of music into a certain number of sections, <i>e.g. quantize 1/4 would separate a bar into 4 sections; quantize 1/16 would separate a bar into 16 sections.</i>
Synthesiser	An electronic musical instrument, often operated by a keyboard, that produces a variety of man-made sounds.
Plug-ins	An instrument sound in Cubase will be selected from a plug-in. <i>Some examples you will have used are HalioneSonic, Prologue, GrooveAgent.</i>
Mixer	Where the volume of all the tracks can be adjusted to create a balance of sound in a project.
Locators	Represented by small triangles in Cubase that are used to work within a specific part or area of the project, <i>e.g. you may set your locaters between 1-9 to create an introduction.</i>