Year 8: Keyboard Project

Year	8	
Title	Keyboard Project	
Stage and objective of understanding (Identify and Integrate)	Pupils will: Learn how to read music notation better and more confidently Improve their performance/keyboard skills by learning 2 pieces Improve their ensemble skills Improve their knowledge of the keyboard	
Context (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning that the keyboards can be used for more than simply playing music; learning how to utilise the capabilities of the keyboards in their own performances and arrangements.	
Conventions, processes and procedures (matched to stage of understanding)	 Learning: that the keyboards are very flexible instruments and can enhance class performances in a number of ways learning how to use the functions of the keyboards well that ensemble playing needs practice, sensitivity, flexibility and careful listening to read music notation more confidently and play the keyboards more confidently 	
Focus of practical experience	Performing Intercity Stomp (in pairs or alone) and The Famous Tune (mostly in pairs, creating their own arrangement; some will work alone and use the recording function on the keyboard more than others)	
Features of musical elements	Chords: Knowledge and understanding of chords and how to play them easily (<i>The Famous Tune</i>) Rests and time signatures: knowing how these work; understanding how to work with the rests in <i>Intercity Stomp</i> correctly	
Development of skills	Arranging and performing: performing Intercity Stomp; arranging and performing The Famous Tune.	
Expected outcome of understanding	Pupils will have a better understanding of music notation and how to read a music score (treble and bass clef). Pupils will have a better understanding of ensemble playing and be able to demonstrate better ensemble skills. Pupils will have a better understanding of how to use the keyboard features more effectively, and will use them in their performance of <i>The Famous Tune</i> . (assessed as developing, secure or strong)	
Expected outcome of knowledge and skills	Elements: Chords, rests and time signatures All pupils will know what a chord and rest are, that time signatures are something to do with the beat of a piece, and will be able to play some of Intercity Stomp with some idea of how the rests work. Some pupils will know what a chord is and be able to play a chord on the keyboard; will be able to identify a crotchet rest, and play Intercity Stomp, some or all of it hands together, with the rests in the correct places to a good degree of success. A few pupils will know what a chord is and be able to play a range of chords on the keyboard, some perhaps in inversion; will be able to play Intercity Stomp 2 hands together with the rests in the correct place. Skill(s): Arranging and Performing All pupils will know what arranging is and will perform some of Intercity Stomp and The Famous Tune, possibly making use of some of the keyboard's features. Some pupils will be able to apply their knowledge of arranging to The Famous Tune to produce a performance which makes good use of the keyboard's features. A few pupils will approach arranging creatively and imaginatively, and will produce a performance of The Famous Tune making excellent use of the keyboard and playing the piece mostly accurately.	

Learning objective	Core activities	Learning outcome
	ESSON 1: Intercity Stomp Introduction	
1. To develop their listening skills by becoming familiar with Intercity Stomp 2. To learn the rhythm of the LH and RH and what	Pupils start by looking at the rhythm of the piece, and then what the note values and rests are.	To know what the RH and LH parts of Intercity Stomp sound like.
the note values are 3. How to read the music notation in the piece	They learn to clap each part (LH and RH), then clap the piece as a class, with ½ on the RH and ½ on the LH, and then have a go at	To be familiar with the rhythm of each part of the piece.
	clapping both at the same time themselves. They recap the notes by going over how to remember the lines and spaces on the stave, and then work out the note names of the notes in the piece. If there is time they can go onto keyboards.	To be able to read the notation in the piece, to know how long the rests are, and to be more familiar with the bass clef.
LE	SSON 2: Intercity Stomp practice lesson	
To recap last week's learning: rhythm, notation, rests, bass clef To develop their skills of working with others by beginning to practice <i>Intercity Stomp</i> on the keyboards with a partner	Pupils recap their learning from last week – what the piece sounds like, how each part works, how long the notes and rests are, what the notes are. They then begin to practice the piece on keyboards after discussing a step by step approach to learning it effectively.	To be more familiar with the new learning in this project – rhythmic values, notation, rests and bass clef. To have made a start on learning to play <i>Intercity Stomp</i> .
1	ESSON 3: Intercity Stomp performances	I
To learn about the assessment levels for their performance of this piece To continue practicing Intercity Stomp in preparation for informal assessment	Pupils look at the assessment levels and discuss how their performance will be informally assessed. Pupils recap the piece, and the practice	To have a fair grasp of this project's learning – rhythmic values, notation, rests and bass clef.
performances before the end of the lesson	technique, and have a practice session in preparation for assessments. An informal assessment session takes place before the end of the lesson, where as many pupils as possible perform. If there is time, verbal peer assessment can be incorporated into the lesson.	To have performed <i>Intercity Stomp</i> for assessment.
LESSON 4: Ir	ntroduction to the Keyboards and The Famou	is Tune
To learn how to use many of the features and functions of the keyboards What <i>The Famous Tune</i> sounds like, and how to start learning to play it	Pupils briefly discuss the keyboards we have at Sheldon, and some of the features they have. Pupils then use a sheet to find as many features on the keyboards as possible, and the answers are discussed as a class. Pupils then learn to record on the keyboards and look at <i>The Famous Tune</i> . They then learn 1 part of the piece, and	To have a good knowledge of the keyboard features and how to use them. To be able to play some of the piece.
	have a go at recording it on their keyboard.	
LES	SONS 5: Arrangement of The Famous Tune	ı
1. To learn to play more of <i>The Famous Tune</i> 2. How to apply their new knowledge of the keyboard features to what they can play 3. To get ready for the assessment next week	Pupils recap how to record and delete tracks on the keyboard. They then recap the piece and its 4 parts. Pupils look at the assessment criteria for	To have a good knowledge of the keyboard features and how to use them.
	their performance of <i>The Famous Tune</i> , in preparation for next week's assessment. They then practice the piece in their pairs in preparation for the assessment.	 2. To be able to record and delete a track. 3. To be able to play some of <i>The Famous Tune</i> and to have started working this into a performance for next
		week.
1. To finish preparing for the assessment 2. To perform their version of <i>The Famous Tune</i> for assessment before the end of the lesson	SONS 6: Performance of The Famous Tune Pupils recap the requirements of the assessment, the 4 parts of the piece and the assessment criteria. After a practice session, pupils perform their	To know how to use the features of the keyboard, and how to record and delete tracks. To be able to play some or all of <i>The</i>
	piece for assessment, and do their self- and peer-assessment for the project.	Famous Tune, using the features of the keyboard to enhance their performance. 3. To be able to assess their own work and that of their peers effectively and critically but fairly, and to be able to use the assessment criteria and NC levels well and in an informed way

Links to Citizenship 1b, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c Managing Feelings Self-awareness Empathy Motivation Social Skills

Assessment Criteria

For *Intercity Stomp* (informal assessment) Practical Skills: Play and Perform

- **1-3:** You can successfully play the RH or LH part of Intercity Stomp on the keyboard, perhaps not always accurately.
- **4-5:** You can play both parts of Intercity Stomp on the keyboard with increasing confidence, accuracy and independence.
- **6-7:** You can play Intercity Stomp hands together with increasing confidence, accuracy, control and expression. You are possibly at a Grade 1+ level.
- **8-9:** You can perform Intercity Stomp 2 accurately in terms of pitch, rhythm and fluency, and with increasing musical sophistication, making expressive use of phrasing and dynamics appropriate to the style and mood of the piece (possibly a Grade 2/3 level). You may include your own additions to the piece.

Musical Knowledge: Theory and Notation

- **1-3:** You can identify basic symbols in staff notation, and recognise and read basic rhythmic notation. You can clap simple patterns back.
- **4-5:** You can consistently and confidently identify symbols in staff notation and apply them to the piece you are playing.
- **6-7:** You can consistently identify and use a range of note values and pitch names. This is reflected in your contributions in class and in your keyboard performances.
- **8-9:** You can consistently identify, use and notate an extended range of note values and pitch names. This is reflected in your contributions in class and in your keyboard performances.

For *The Famous Tune* (formal assessment) Practical Skills: Play and Perform

- **1-3:** You can successfully play a simple part of The Famous Tune on the keyboard, perhaps not always accurately, and use a couple of the keyboard features with some guidance and help from your partner or teacher.
- **4-5:** You can play 1 or 2 parts of The Famous Tune on the keyboard with increasing confidence, accuracy and independence. You are able to play with an increasingly good sense of ensemble with your partner and have used a few features of the keyboard in your performance.
- **6-7:** You can play most parts of The Famous Tune with increasing confidence, accuracy, control and expression. You can perform confidently on the keyboard with increasing accuracy, control and expression

(possibly at a Grade 1+ level) and have used the keyboard as an effective musical instrument. You show an excellent sense of ensemble.

8-9: You can perform accurately in terms of pitch, rhythm, intonation and fluency, and with increasing musical sophistication, making expressive use of phrasing and dynamics appropriate to the style and mood of The Famous Tune (possibly a Grade 2/3 level). You show an advanced sense of ensemble, and may include your own additions to the piece. You have used the keyboard to its greatest capacity, and very imaginatively.

Kev Words

Tone, Layer, Split, Rhythm, Touch Response, Casio Chord, Treble Clef, Bass Clef, Minim, Crotchet, Pulse

(For 2011: Use key words from Intercity Stomp Project plus the new ones)

Resources

Powerpoint for each lesson.
Pupil score and practice sheets.

PLTS

Independent enquirers: plan their group tasks; make informed choices about what to select for these tasks Creative thinkers: generate and explore their own ideas in the composition

Team workers: collaborate to work towards the performances; provide and respond to feedback

Self-managers: take responsibility for organising themselves

Reflective learners: participate in peer- and self-assessment

Links to NC08

1b, 1c, 4c

ICT Opportunities

Use of keyboards for performance and arrangement.

Use of Sibelius on computers for arranging for more able pupils.

Homework

The option to create a poster about what they have learned in the project, for handing in during the final lesson.

Year 8: Fanfare

Year	8	
Title	Fanfare	
Stage and objective of understanding (Identify and Integrate)	Pupils will: Learn about what a fanfare is and where fanfares are used Learn what a chord and triad are Learn about the brass family Learn how to create a fanfare motif, and how to extend this into a fanfare composition using conventions	
Context (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning what characteristics a fanfare has and what conventions are used in fanfare, as well as what contexts fanfares are used in.	
Conventions, processes and procedures (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning that the key characteristics of fanfares are: Their use of chords or triads Their use of repetition and dotted rhythms Their use of brass instruments and their presence at important, celebratory occasions	
Focus of practical experience	Creating their own fanfare motif on keyboard, and then extending this into a longer fanfare composition using appropriate conventions.	
Features of musical elements	Rhythm: knowledge and understanding of dotted rhythms Structure: knowledge and understanding of how to structure a fanfare effectively Dynamics: knowledge and understanding of how to add dynamics to their fanfare Tempo: knowledge and understanding of allegro, adagio and moderato and how to use them in their fanfare Texture: knowledge and understanding of how to vary texture, and the effects of this on their fanfare	
Development of skills	Composing: writing their own fanfare composition Performing: performing their fanfare at the end of the project	
Expected outcome of understanding	Pupils will show their understanding of fanfare by being able to identify the features of a fanfare and talking about the context that fanfares are played in. They will be able to talk about the effect of fanfare on an audience. They will understand how fanfares are structured, and be able to show this in their fanfare composition. They will be able to perform their fanfare composition with a sense of occasion, the use of fanfare conventions and by using authentic tones on the keyboard.	
Expected outcome of knowledge and skills	 Knowledge All pupils will recognise the sound of a fanfare and be able to identify the sound of the trumpet. Some pupils will recognise the sound of a fanfare and some of the instrumentation accompanying it, and be able to identify the main features of a fanfare. A few pupils will recognise the sound of a fanfare and the instruments accompanying it, and be able to identify the main features of a fanfare; they will be able to discuss in some detail the context and use of fanfares, as well as the effect of them on their audience. Skills All pupils will be able to compose a simple fanfare-like motif. Some pupils will be able to compose an effective fanfare using appropriate conventions and keyboard tones. A few pupils will be able to compose an authentic-sounding and extended fanfare, making full and imaginative use of fanfare conventions, and adding other instruments. Some may score it on Sibelius. 	

Learning objective	Core activities	Learning outcome	
LESSON ONE			
To learn the definition of a fanfare and where fanfares are used To learn what a chord and triad are To learn how to create a fanfare motif	Pupils are introduced to fanfare, and discuss what they sound like and what instruments are playing them, after looking at and listening to some. They also discuss the contexts in which fanfares are used.	To know what a fanfare is, where fanfares are used and what conventions fanfares use To know what a chord and triad are	
	They recap chords (they would have learned about these in Year 7) and learn what a triad is. Their task is then to write their own fanfare motif, using today's learning.	To be able to create their own fanfare motif and play it	
	LESSON 2		
1. To explore fanfares across time and place, learning how they have developed as calls to attention suitable for a variety of different occasions. 2. To learn about the brass instrument	Pupils recap last lesson's learning, and then look at the contexts in which fanfares are used and what they are used for. Pupils then complete a card sort to show their knowledge about brass and percussion	To know what a fanfare is, where fanfares are used and what conventions fanfares use To know about a number of members of	
family 3. To learn about Question and Answer phrases	instruments, and the answers are discussed. Working in pairs, pupils then share their fanfare motifs from last lesson and each play them over 8 beats to create a short performance.	the brass family 3. To be able to play their fanfare motif	
1.7.1	LESSON 3		
To learn how to use Question and Answer phrases To learn how to use triads and chords in your fanfare and to create 2-part and	Pupils have a brief recap of the learning so far, and then look at how to structure their fanfare motifs into a question and answer format.	To know what a fanfare is, where fanfares are used and what conventions fanfares use	
3-part harmony 3. To learn about the structure of a fanfare	They then look at the structure of fanfare by listening to and discussing Zelenka's Fanfare in D.	To know about a number of members of the brass family To be able to play their forfers metif	
	Pupils then continue working on their fanfare in pairs.	3. To be able to play their fanfare motif	
	LESSON 4		
To learn how to use the fanfare conventions they have learned about to create their own fanfare	Pupils recap what they have learned so far and apply this to the fanfare they are composing. They are informed of their fanfare commission (changes each year) and get on with their fanfare in pairs.	To know what a fanfare is, where fanfares are used and what conventions fanfares use To extend their fanfare motif into a longer composition, using the conventions they have learned about	
	LESSON 5		
To learn how to use the fanfare conventions they have learned about to create their own fanfare	Pupils think about and discuss what their fanfare composition needs in order to be a success.	To understand the requirements of the assessment task	
To learn about how the assessment criteria apply to the assessment task	They look at the assessment criteria and think about what level they can aim for. They then work on their composition with their partner, in preparation for the assessment next lesson.	To understand the assessment criteria To complete and practice their composition, ready for assessment	
1 To propose their composition for	LESSON 6	1. To know what a fanfara is where	
 To prepare their composition for assessment To assess their own performance and the performances of their peers 	Pupils recap their learning during the project, and the requirements of the assessment task. They have some time to practice before performing their fanfare for assessment. They will self-assess their performance, and assess the performances of their peers.	To know what a fanfare is, where fanfares are used and what conventions fanfares use To know what a chord and triad are To be able to create their own fanfare composition and play it	
Links to Citizenship	SEAL		
1b, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c	Managing Feelings Self-awarene	ss Empathy Motivation	
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Assessment Criteria Practical Skills: Compose, Arran 1-3: You can compose a catchy fanfare-like a simple fanfare melody using your catchy	e rhythm. You can use the keyboard to create	PLTS Independent enquirers: plan their group tasks; make informed choices about what to select for these tasks	
4-5: You can successfully compose a fanfare of longer than 10 seconds using brass sounds by repeating and extending your triad-based note patterns. You are able to Creative thinkers: generate and explore their own ideas in the			

manipulate your melodies using standard fanfare patterns and rhythms.

6-7: You can compose a fanfare that shows some ability to organise and extend musical ideas, use appropriate instrument sounds (brass and percussion) and show the beginnings of a stylistic and contextual awareness of fanfare. You use a number of fanfare techniques in your composition eg. call and response, harmony, variation of fanfare pattern.

8-9: You can compose your fanfare by developing musical ideas to create a variety of effects by using a clear structure and by using appropriate resources (brass and percussion). You compose using a variety of techniques eg. harmony, varying your texture, using call and response. You clearly reflect the stylistic features of fanfare in your work by using a wide variety of fanfare techniques creatively and successfully.

Musical Knowledge: Theory and Notation

Motif

1-3: You can identify basic symbols in staff notation. You show your understanding of rhythm by creating a catchy rhythm in a fanfare-style, and your understanding of triads by using the notes of a triad in your melody.

4-5: You can consistently identify symbols in staff notation and apply them to your composition. You show your rhythmic understanding by varying your fanfare rhythms; you show your understanding of melody by altering some of your melodies in patterns other than root position triads (play one miss one play one).

6-7: You can consistently identify and use a range of note values and pitch names in your composition, and can notate some or all of your composition in some way.

8-9: You can consistently identify and use an extended range of note values and pitch names in your fanfare composition, and can notate your piece accurately and in detail, including dynamics and a clear structure.

composition

Team workers: collaborate to work towards the performances; provide and respond to feedback

Self-managers: take responsibility for

organising themselves

Reflective learners: participate in peer- and self-assessment

Links to NC08

1b, 1c, 4c

Vocabulary for Learning	Resources	ICT Opportunities
Fanfare	Powerpoints for each lesson	Use of keyboards.
Brass	CD's	Use of Sibelius for G and T.
Chord/Triad	Kevboards	
Rhythm	1 to y 2 out at	
Texture		

Year 8: Africa and Her Music

Year	8	
Title	Africa and Her Music	
Stage and objective of understanding (Identify and Integrate) Context (matched to stage of understanding)	Pupils will: • Learn about Africa and its music, focusing on cycles/ostinati and call and response • Learn to sing Jambo Bwana, Mbube and Shosholoza • Learn how to effectively perform one of these songs in groups for their assessment Learning how music in Africa is integral to life, and what the main characteristics and instruments of African music are.	
Conventions, processes and procedures (matched to stage of understanding) Focus of practical experience	Learning that the key characteristics of African music are: The use of cycles/ostinati The use of call and response The use of instruments and/or voices in certain ways Learning to sing 3 songs: a greeting song for the start of lessons, and 2 others, either of which can be used in the final assessment; learning the keyboard accompaniment to 2 of the songs, to be used in the final assessment.	
Features of musical elements	Rhythm: knowledge and understanding of how rhythm is used in African music (cycles) Texture: knowledge and understanding of how to vary texture in their performance, and the effects of this	
Development of skills	Performing: singing songs with the class; performing songs in their group; playing some sort of instrumental accompaniment. Arranging: organising their song of choice into a group arrangement, ready for assessment	
Expected outcome of understanding	Pupils will show their understanding of African music by being able to recognise features of it, and talking about the African music they listen to. Pupils will show their understanding of African music by being able to reflect its characteristics successfully in their performance. Pupils will show their knowledge and understanding of African culture and music's role in that culture by being able to contribute confidently to discussion.	
Expected outcome of knowledge and skills	Knowledge All pupils will be able to recognise African music when hearing it. Some pupils will be able to recognise African music when hearing it and identify some of its features. A few pupils will be able to recognise African music when hearing it, and be able to talk about its features and place in African culture. Skills All pupils will be able to sing at least one of the songs, mainly in tune; will have attempted the keyboard accompaniment for their group's song; will take a small role in the performance. Some pupils will be able to sing the 3 songs, in tune; will be able to play part of the keyboard accompaniment and attempt to accompany their group's singing, with some success; will play a fairly consistent role in their group's performance. A few pupils will be able to sing the 3 songs in tune and possibly add some of their own harmonies; will be able to play the accompaniment(s), hands together, and accompany their group's singing largely successfully; will take a leading role in their group's performance.	

Learning objective	Core activities	Learning outcome
	LESSON ONE: Ostinato	I
To start learning about African music in context and what African music sounds like To learn about cycles/ostinati	We discuss African music by listening to an example and discussing what we can hear. We talk about how music plays an integral role in life in Africa. They learn about African	To have an understanding and appreciation of African culture and music.
To learn about different drumming techniques, and to have the option of using these in a group rhythm	instruments, and get to see some up close (mbira, drum, maraca etc).	To know what an ostinato is and to be able to create one.
composition using ostinati		To be able to work confidently in a group and perform their ostinato.
	LESSON 2: Cyclic patterns	g. oup and ponomi and outmater
To learn more about African music and life	Pupils learn a greeting song, Jambo Bwana, as a starter. They then learn more about	To have an understanding of African rhythm and what role it plays in African
To learn about cyclic patterns and how these work in African music	African life and culture. They then learn about vocal music and cyclic patterns	music.
3. To learn how to sing 2 songs	(ostinato) and learn to sing The Lion Sleeps Tonight after being told the story about the	To be able to play an African rhythm on their own and as part of an ensemble.
	song. We then recap rhythm and how it works in African music (polyrhythms) and attempt to perform a rhythm piece as a class. If there is	
	time, pupils then work in groups of 4 and create their own polyrhythmic performance	
	using the given rhythms.	
	LESSON 3: Paired work	
To learn to play the accompaniment for Shosholoza or The Lion Sleeps Tonight on keyboard	Pupils recap learning so far with a word scramble.	To be able to sing the 2 songs confidently
	We sing through <i>Jambo Bwaba</i> and <i>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</i> . They then learn more about African life and	To be able to play some or all of the accompaniment of at least one of the songs
	culture; we then discuss call and response and listen to and learn to sing <i>Shosholoza</i> .	301193
	We recap ostinato, and then discuss the task: to perform one of the songs, with keyboard accompaniment and percussion.	
	Pupils move on to keyboards in pairs and start working on the accompaniments.	
	LESSON 4: Group Work	
To learn how to plan a group task effectively, in preparation for the assessment performance	The lesson begins with a key words starter. The performance songs are recapped and the task is now extended into groups. Group	To have an understanding of the performance task, and how the assessment criteria apply to the task
To understand how the assessment criteria apply to the performance task	work skills are discussed and success criteria are looked at and task expectations	expectations
	are discussed. Pupils then move into groups, and begin working on the task.	To be able to use good group work skills to facilitate successful working in groups on the task
	LESSON 5: Group Work	J. 1 3/1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2
To use good group work skills to facilitate effective performance preparation To prepare their own part confidently and to be able to incorporate it well into	The task requirements are recapped, and the success criteria are looked at again. Pupils are reminded of the expectations, and then have the lesson to complete the preparation of their performance for next	To have an understanding of the performance task, and how the assessment criteria apply to the task expectations
the rest of the group's parts in preparation for next week's assessment	week's assessment.	To be able to use good group work skills to facilitate successful working in groups on the task
	LESSON 6	
To be able to work well in their group to make last preparations to their performance To assess their own work and that of their peers	Assessment Pupils recap the success criteria and are told about today's tasks. They have a practice session with their group, and then perform their songs for the	To have developed good, or better, group work skills, and to have used them in the preparation of this assessment performance
alon poolo	rest of the class, in The Spotlight area. All pupils assess their own work and that of their peers.	To show their understanding of African music and culture in their performance, as well as their familiarity with the song they have chosen
		To show their musical ability, sensitivity and potential in their performance

Links to Citizenship SEAL 1b, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c Empathy Managing Feelings Self-awareness Motivation Social Skills **Assessment Criteria PLTS** Level 3 **Independent enquirers:** plan their You are able to play a basic keyboard or percussion, or sing one part, with limited group tasks; make informed choices about what to select for these tasks You have some idea of how your part fits in with the rest of the group. Creative thinkers: generate and You have a basic awareness of African music and answer some questions correctly in explore their own ideas in the the listening lesson. composition Level 4 **Team workers:** collaborate to work You can sing in tune or maintain your keyboard or percussion part accurately with towards the performances: provide others. You can play your part with good ensemble awareness. You can play your part with good ensemble awareness. and respond to feedback You have a good awareness of African music and have an understanding of most of the **Self-managers:** take responsibility for main vocabulary; you do well in the listening lesson. organising themselves Level 5 Reflective learners: participate in You have added your own parts to the song such as unique ostinato rhythms, an peer- and self-assessment introduction and an ending. You work well with others and perform with a clear pulse. Links to NC08 You can play your part confidently and with good ensemble skills. 1b, 1c, 4c You use musical vocabulary to describe your performance and score well in the listening lesson. **Exceptional Performance** You are able to perform complex parts with total accuracy, confidence and style. You demonstrate excellent ensemble skills and lead your group. You can analyse and compare musical features of different pieces of African music; you use musical vocabulary accurately and frequently. Vocabulary for Learning **ICT Opportunities** Resources A cappella Use of keyboards for performance and Powerpoint for each lesson Ostinato (Cycle) Pupil score and practice sheets composition. Call and Response Kevboards Rhythm Percussion instruments Harmony CDs

Year 8: Understanding the Conventions of Blues Music

Year	8
Title	Understanding the Conventions of Blues Music
Stage and objective of understanding (Identify and Integrate)	Pupils will: Learn how details of musical conventions can be developed to express individual ideas, while staying integrated within a given style; by Learning how to explore within a range of idiomatic musical styles, genres or traditions, integrating their own ideas into stylistically consistent outcomes
Context (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning that the purpose or function of blues music was to express and reflect the feeling of sadness, the struggle to be free and the aspiration for a better life of the oppressed, poor black people in America.
Conventions, processes and procedures (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning that the key characteristics of blues music are: • the 12-bar blues sequence • the use of the blues scale, which uses sharps and flats • the blues bass line • improvising • sad and expressive lyrics
Focus of practical experience	Performing the key characteristics of blues music, and composing your own blues song using these key characteristic: a blues sequence, improvising using the blues scale, bass line and lyrics.
Features of musical elements	Chords: Knowledge and understanding of chords and how to play them easily Scales: Knowledge and understanding of scales, and how to flatten and sharpen notes
Development of skills	Composing and performing: composing and performing a blues song, using your own lyrics and all the key characteristics of blues: chord sequence, bass line and improvising using the blues scale.
Expected outcome of understanding (related to context and conventions and how it will be demonstrated in practical work)	Pupils will show their understanding of blues music by exploring the context(s) out of which blues was born. They will understand chords and scales, and how they are applied to blues music. They are also able to successfully explore the characteristics of blues music so that they can perform convincingly within the style, and create a piece of music that fits clearly into the style of blues but which also contains their own individuality. All pupils will be starting to demonstrate this understanding; some will be secure in their understanding; and a few will be starting to move beyond this understanding.
	(assessed as developing, secure or strong)
Expected outcome of knowledge and skills (for all, some, a few pupils)	All pupils will know what chords and scales are, how they are used in blues music, and how to play some or all of the chord sequence and blues scale Some pupils will be able to play the chord sequence and blues scale accurately A few pupils will understand how the blues scale is different to a 'normal' scale and will know about 2 nd inversion chords Skill(s): Composing and Performing All pupils will be able to play some of the blues characteristics as part of a group and take part in the composition Some pupils will be able to play most of the blues characteristics accurately as part of a group A few pupils will be able to play all of the blues characteristics and will take a leading role in the group

Learning objective	Core activities	Learning outcome
	LESSON ONE	
1. To learn about the early story of the Blues 2. To be able to recognise Blues music. 3. To be able to play Blues convention no.1, the Blues sequence (and Blues convention no. 2, the Blues bass line – EXTENSION) on keyboard or other instrument.	Blues is introduced to pupils through discussion of the slave trade. They take part in the telling of the Blues story by saying how they think the people caught up in the story felt through listening to some Blues music and discussing it. They learn about the Blues Sequence (12 bar Blues) through listening to a Blues track. They then learn how to play the sequence on keyboard or on their chosen instrument. The extension task is to learn the walking bass line.	 Pupils are able to empathise with the slaves who were captured and taken to America. Pupils are able to link the sound of blues music to the story of the blues. Pupils will start making preparations for their performance project by learning to play at least one Blues convention.
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 To recap the story of early Blues and learn about more modern Blues and Blues today (Blues since the 50's) Recap of the sequence and bass line, and to learn about blues conventions no's 3 and 4 – the Blues scale and improvising. To be able to improvise over the blues sequence/bass line with their partner by the end of the lesson 	Brief recap discussion of the history of the blues and how the story influenced the nature of the music. Pupils then discuss and listen to improvising in Blues and learn about the Blues scale. They learn to play it, and then practise improvising using the notes. Practise and performance session.	 Pupils are able to relate a social situation to a style of music, and are able to empathise with the people involved in the creation of that music Embedding of the first conventions for their performance project. Learning of new convention, for use in their performance. Pupils are able to improvise to varying degrees of success, and understand the nature of improvising – its simplicities and its challenges.
	LESSON 3	
To recap learning so far. To learn about lyrics in Blues songs, comparing lyrics of early Blues to those of more modern Blues. To learn about the structure of Blues song lyrics. To learn to sing the Sheldon School Blues 4. To write their own lyrics, which will be used in their group project.	Brief discussion of the history of the blues and the conventions they have learned so far. Comparison of Blues lyrics in early songs, and in electric Blues of the 1950's. Singing session. Lyrics-writing session.	 Pupils are able to relate the social situation surrounding the Blues to the actual music, and are able to empathise with the people involved in the creation of that music. Pupils are able to relate the changing lyrics to the social/political situation of the time, and thus explain the changes. Pupils can see how the song lyrics are structured. Pupils can see the conventions at work in an 'original' piece of music. Pupils apply the structure and nature of Blues lyrics to their own writing.
4	LESSON 4	
To recap learning so far, particularly lyrics. To learn how to use their lyrics and their knowledge of Blues conventions to create their own Blues song.	Discuss learning up until now. Recap of Blues lyrics conventions. Singing session. Task explanation. Group work session.	 Pupils are able to relate the changing lyrics to the social/political situation of the time, and thus explain the changes. Pupils can see how the song lyrics are structured. Pupils are able to apply their learning about Blues to the music they now have to create. They are able to take the conventions they have learned about, and apply them to the task.
	LESSON 5	
To recap learning up until this point. To recap task requirements. To work successfully as a group on the task.	Recap learning and task requirements. Look at success criteria. Group work session, putting the song together, ready for performance next week.	 Pupils know the story and context of the Blues and can relate it to the nature of the music. Pupils understand the requirements of the task and can work well as a group to create their Blues song.
To prepare their song for performance	LESSON 6 Recap learning and task.	Pupils know the story and context of the
today. 2. To understand self- and peer-assessment, and to carry it out effectively.	Practise session. Performance and assessment session, with feedback.	Blues and can relate it to the nature of the music. Pupils are able to incorporate Blues conventions into their Blues composition. Some may be able to add their own unique touches. Pupils are able to assess their own work and the work of others.

Links to Citizenship SEAL 1b, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c Managing Feelings Self-awareness Empathy Motivation Social Skills **PLTS Assessment Criteria** Level 3 Independent enquirers: plan You have a weak understanding of the conventions of blues music and aren't able to link the their group tasks; make informed choices about what to select for You have played a small role in your group's creation of their blues music, but don't perform these tasks convincingly or confidently. Creative thinkers: generate Level 4 and explore their own ideas in You have some understanding of the conventions of blues music and can make some links the composition between the music and its history. Team workers: collaborate to You have used your understanding to help create your own blues music with your group and work towards the performances; perform it fairly convincingly within the blues style. You have performed with some confidence and have played a small role within your group. provide and respond to feedback Level 5 Self-managers: take You have a good understanding of the conventions of blues music and can make some good responsibility for organising links between the music and its history. themselves You have used your understanding to help create a piece of blues music and perform it Reflective learners: participate convincingly within the blues style. You have also brought some individuality to your in peer- and self-assessment performance, and have performed confidently and worked well in your group. Level 6 You have a detailed understanding of the conventions of blues music and can make clear and Links to NC08 detailed links between the music and its history. 1a, 1b, 1c, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4d, You have used your understanding to create your own blues music and perform it very 5a, 5e convincingly within the blues style. You have also brought individuality to your performance, and have performed confidently and worked strongly in your group. Vocabulary for Learning Resources **ICT Opportunities** Use of music keyboards Blues Key words and levels sheet for display on Improvising board Chord sequence Powerpoint for each lesson Pentatonic Scale Practise Sheet to take home Keyboards, instruments

CD's

Year 8: Hooks and Riffs

Year	8		
Title	Hooks and Riffs		
Stage and objective of understanding (Identify and Integrate)	Pupils will: explore how hooks and riffs are used by composers to create memorable songs and how to write their own learn about pop song structure learn the 4 main chords used in pop songs work in a group to create a cover version with a choice of 2 songs		
Context (matched to stage of understanding)	Learning how hooks and riffs can be used to enrich, enhance and vary music; learning how vital structure is in music and how pop song structure can be varied. Learning how to combine different parts to create a successful pop song cover version.		
Conventions, processes and procedures (matched to stage of understanding) Focus of practical experience	Learning that the key characteristics of pop songs are: To become memorable by effective use of hooks and riffs Having a set structure, which can be slightly varied The successful combination of different parts, including vocals Working in groups to create a cover version; working towards composing their own pop song.		
Features of musical elements	Rhythm: knowledge and understanding of pulse vs. rhythm; knowledge and understanding of how to vary rhythm Structure: knowledge and understanding of pop song structure Dynamics: knowledge and understanding of forte, piano, mezzo forte, mezzo piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, Tempo: knowledge and understanding of bpm Texture: knowledge and understanding of instrumental layers		
Development of skills	Performing: performing example hooks and riffs as well as and their finished cover versions, and to apply their new knowledge and understanding of the elements of music to their performances. Listening: to apply their new knowledge of structure to the songs that they hear in order to analyse their structure; to research and collate the required information into a poster/leaflet, according to the task instructions. Composing: ability to compose a hook and a riff and put them into a chord structure; composing melody and lyrics.		
Expected outcome of understanding	Pupils will show their understanding of the hooks and riffs by being able to identify them when listening to music, and by being able to compose them and use them in their performances. They will understand pop song structure, and how to identify it in songs they listen to. They will show their understanding of how pop songs work in their cover versions. All pupils will be starting to demonstrate this understanding; some will be secure in their understanding; and a few will be starting to move beyond this understanding.		
KNOWLEDGE	All pupils will know what hooks and riffs are used for, and will be able to identify them in songs and pieces of music. They will be able to define pop song structure and will know the difference between a verse and a chorus. Some pupils will know what hooks and riffs are used for and will be able to identify why they are successful; they will know the difference between a verse and a chorus and a middle 8.		
Expected outcome of knowledge and skills	A few pupils will know what hooks and riffs are; they will know the full details of pop song structure and be able to describe it clearly. All pupils will be able to play some hooks and riffs on a given worksheet and will be able to create one of their own with varying degrees of success. They will take part in their cover version. Some pupils will be able to play most of the hooks and riffs on the worksheet and able to create a couple of their won. use dynamics and tempo in their singing and identify the elements when listening to a song; will be able to clap a steady pulse and a number of different rhythms. They will have a key role in their cover version. A few pupils will be able to identify and talk about the elements that they can hear in detail; will be able to clap		
SKILLS	back more complicated rhythms and make up their own more complicated rhythms. They will have the main role in their cover version.		

Learning objective	Core activities	Learning outcome
	SSON 1: Introduction to Hooks and Riffs	
Introduction to SoW. What is a hook and riff? How to identify them. Understand how musical devices are used to help the listener remember the music.	Main: Explain what a hook and a riff are and how composers use them in compositions. Pupils listen to song extracts and identify the song and list what they think makes it memorable. Pupils then practice a variety of riffs using a performance sheet. Extension: to write their own riff Plenary: Discuss pupil answers	All: Understand that hooks and riffs are used to help listeners remember a song. Most: Identify a particular hook or riff within a song Few: Identify different hooks/riffs within a song (verse/chorus etc)
	LESSON 2: Hooks and Riffs continued	<u> </u>
Different types of hooks and riffs (melodic, rhythmic and vocal). Identify three different types of hooks and riffs within a selection of musical examples. To be able to create their own riff and play it confidently.	Starter: paired discussion Main: Explain how hooks and riffs can be melodic, rhythmic or vocal. Play examples of each. Pupils to compose a short (2 bar) riff.	All: Understand there are different types of hooks and riffs (melodic, rhythmic and vocal). Most: Will create a 2 bar hook or riff.
	Plenary: Pupils to play their hook or riff – peer assessment (informal). Merits for the most popular hook.	Few: Will include backing chords or extend their idea.
4 chords: understand how they work in many	LESSON 3: 4 Chords Starter: recap learning up to now	All: Understand there are 4 main
pop songs. Be able to play the 4 chords. To experiment with different ways of playing them.	Main: Pupils watch the Axis of Awesome video of The 4 Chord Song. They discuss the importance of the 4 chords concerned as well as what chords are, what a chord sequence is, what types of chords you can get etc. They are introduced to the use of the 4 chords in Don't Stop Believing, and then work in pairs to learn each of the 4 chords and play them as a sequence. Plenary: performances of the chords	chords used in a lot of pop songs. Most: Will be able to play the 4 chords easily as block chords. Few: Will be able to play them in a different way – broken chords, with LH etc.
	LESSON 4: Structure	
Song form and structure. Understand how popular music songs can be organised using different structures. Understand verse/chorus music structures.	Main: Listen to example songs. Pupils to identify the structure of the songs (one is verse/chorus the other groove based). Continued practise in pairs of Don't Stop Believing or Paradise, using different ways of playing the chords if possible.	All: Identify a song that uses either verse/chorus or groove structure. Create a short song using one of these structures. Most: Highlight the way in which a verse and chorus might differ. Create a song using more than two chords. Few: Create a song that also includes
I.E.	Plenary: Pupils to play their song – www and hti discussion. SSON 5: Cover versions and group work	a hook or riff within the structure
To show an understanding of good group work skills. To show an overall understanding and appreciation of the challenges and requirements of creating a cover version, using their knowledge of pop songs.	Starter: Discussion topic. Main: Pupils discuss what a cover version is, and how one can be created. Discussion about effective group work, and how to choose a group effectively. Pupils move into groups of no more than four and begin to use their knowledge of hooks and riffs to create their cover version	All: Understand the performance task. Get into a group and begin to practise their part. Most: Will have a clear idea of their role, and start to practice effectively. Few: Will take charge of their group and be instrumental in steering their group's progress.
	Plenary: Discussion about progress	

	made, and any challenges faced.	
LESSON 6: Group work (you can add a lesson or 2 in here if pupils need further group work sessions)		
To show an understanding of good group	Starter: Word scramble exercise.	All: Continue to work on their cover
work skills.		version and have a clear part to
To show an overall understanding and	Main: Brief discussion about the	play/sing.
appreciation of the challenges and	importance of intros; recap of structure	
requirements of creating a cover version,	and chords. Pupils look at the success	Most: Will practice effectively and
using their knowledge of pop songs.	criteria in order to inform their progress.	well, cooperating with others in the
	Groups continue to practise their song.	group.
	Plenary: www and hti discussion.	Few: Will lead the group's rehearsal,
	LECCON 7: A	guiding progress.
Performance and Assessment.	LESSON 7: Assessment Starter: Room 101 discussion.	All: Perform for assessment.
Skill of performing to the class.	Starter. Room for discussion.	All. Perform for assessment.
Understanding of how pop songs work.	Main: Pupils to perform to the class	Most: Will perform for assessment
Onderstanding of now pop songs work.	(other pupils peer assess) after a	and show an element of progress.
	practice session.	and show an element of progress.
	practice session.	Few: Will show good progress from
	Plenary: True or false	earlier in the year, leading their
	Tienary. True or false	group's performance.
	LESSON 8: Composing a pop song	group o portermanos.
Performance and Assessment.	Starter: Discussion about composing	All: Will have an understanding of how
Skill of performing to the class.	pop songs.	a pop song is created.
Understanding of how hooks and riffs are		
used to create a memorable song.	Main: Pupils learn about harmony and	Most: Will make a good attempt at
	non-harmony notes and discuss what	their task in the composing process
	makes a good melody. Pupils, working	and will make some progress.
	in groups of 4, then have different tasks	
	in the process of creating their own pop	Few: Will make excellent progress and
	song.	lead their group's composing process.
	Plenary: Pupils to play what they have	
	composed so far – www and hti	
	discussion.	
D. f	LESSONS 9-11: Composition work	AH MEH Land and Add and Andrew Change
Performance and Assessment.	Starter: Discussion topic.	All: Will have an understanding of how
Skill of performing to the class.	Main. Dunile to continue to unite their	a pop song is created.
Understanding of how hooks and riffs are	Main: Pupils to continue to write their	Meet. Will make a good attempt at
used to create a memorable song.	pop song.	Most: Will make a good attempt at their task in the composing process
	Planary: www.and htj discussion	and will make some progress.
	Plenary: www and hti discussion.	and will make some progress.
		Few: Will make excellent progress and
		lead their group's composing process.
	LESSON 12 : Assessment	1 .555 then group a compound process.
Performance and Assessment.	Starter: Pupils finish off and practise	All: Perform for assessment.
Skill of performing to the class.	their song.	,
Understanding of how hooks and riffs are	J	Most: Will perform for assessment
used to create a memorable song.	Main: Pupils to perform to the class	and show an element of progress.
	(other pupils peer assess).	
	, , , ,	Few: Will show good progress from
	Plenary: Complete self assessment	earlier in the year, leading their
	sheet. If time, fun activity game.	group's performance.
Summary of cross curricular and Secondary	SEAL	
Strategy links Managing Feelings Self-awareness Empathy		ess Empathy Motivation
Citizenship – teamwork, communication and emotion (through lyric writing)	Social Skills	
Drama – opportunities for expression (some		
pupils might dance)		
English – structure of lyrics/poems.		
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Assessment Criteria

Cover Version

Level 4

You are able to play/sing all of your part with a <u>reasonable degree of accuracy</u> (occasional mistakes) and confidence.

Level 5

You are able to play/sing all of your part with a <u>good degree of accuracy and confidence in time with others</u>. You use <u>original ideas</u> to make creative changes which fit, to make a 'cover version'. When performing you take care to play an appropriate dynamic with others (volume) and contribute positively to group work.

Level 6

Your performance is <u>expressive</u> and you adopt the <u>correct technique</u> for your instrument/voice. You are also able to <u>play other parts/instruments</u> within the arrangement if needed or are performing with <u>both hands</u> <u>together</u>. You may have <u>recorded different layers</u>.

Level 7

You display <u>exceptional competency</u> at your instrument. You can <u>improvise/adapt your part</u> with little/no rehearsal.

Cover Composition

Level 4

You are able to write a conjunct melody which sounds mainly consonant on top of a chord pattern/sequence. You have ensured that all your parts play at an appropriate dynamic (volume). You have added a bass-line and have given thought to appropriate instruments.

Level 5

Your melody includes original and interesting catchy rhythms. You have added lyrics mainly syllabically to your melody. Dynamics highlight changes you have made to various parts.

Level 6

You have included an original four note riff. The melody, chords and bass-line are independent of each other and all display original rhythms. Your melody contains a good balance of harmony and passing notes developing from a few pitches. Your parts are recorded/sequenced accurately. You have a substantial song.

Level 7

There's a link between lyrics and melody; word painting. You have used your own chord patterns and are able to part notate your composition.

Key Words

Pop Song Structure, Verse, Chorus, Middle 8, Intro, Outro, Pulse, Rhythm, Tempo, Dynamics, Texture, Unison, Melody, Harmony, Pitch, Hook

Resources

Powerpoint for each lesson CD Song scores Task Guide/Instruction Sheets for pupils Homework sheet Test sheet

PLTS

Independent enquirers: plan their group tasks; make informed choices about what to select for these tasks Creative thinkers: generate and explore their own ideas in the composition

Team workers: collaborate to work towards the performances; provide and respond to feedback

Self-managers: take responsibility for organising themselves

Reflective learners: participate in peer- and self-assessment

Links to NC08

1.1(a). 1.3(a). 1.4(a). 1.5(a). 2.1(a). 2.1(d). 2.2(a).

ICT OpportunitiesUse of computers for

Homework