Concept and skills map: Music



Curriculum intent – To ignite a creative spark and develop musicianship through performance, composition and discussion.

We study music at Beckfoot to inspire young people to have a lifelong love of music. We will enable young people to understand and discuss both historical and current approaches to music making, and how music is a product of its time, culture and place in society. We will ignite a love for performing through the study of great composers, their works and performance of various musical styles and develop creativity through the various compositional techniques used in a range of genres.

Why now: Why do we teach topics when we teach them. What is the purpose of each scheme

Techniques learnt / links to KS4: What skills do the schemes focus on and how do these develop throughout.

Our Golden Threads run through everything we do in music. These are the core of our curriculum.

These golden threads are:

Performance

Composition

Appraising

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Year 7	NA	Elements of Music	Gamelan	Chords	Riffs	Caribbean
Iconic musici ans		Debussy	Semara Ratih, from Ubud Degung Bali	Vance Joy Glenn Miller	Monty Norman Lalo Schifrin	Bob Marley The Mills Brothers Michel Mauléart Monton
Why now?		Bridging unit – introduces the elements of music – rhythmic focus.	Intro to world music. Intro to pitch – first correct use of rhythm and pitch together – simple 5 note performances.	Introduction to accompaniments. Intro the use of harmony and left hand keyboard parts.	Repeated patterns. Rhythmically complex performances. Intro to composition.	Link to world music. Difficult rhythmical parts in both the melody and the chords. Use of chromatic melodies.
Techni ques learnt / links to KS4		Introduction to all of the elements of DR SMITH Focus on performing simple rhythms in time Composing rhythmic ideas using notation and graphic score notation Simple appraising question with support.	Development of rhythm and pitch from DR SMITH Performing using pitch. Performing in time as a pair. Composing short melodies Intro to treble clef Appraising question includes key terms and rhythm questions.	Development of pitch and harmony from DR SMITH Use of two hands at the keyboard to perform chords and melody Composing chord sequences Introduction to the bass clef. Appraising questions focus on keywords and recognising what they sound like.	Development of harmony, rhythm and texture from DR SMITH. Development of performance skills with complex timing. Composition skills developed with pitch. Appraising will develop understanding of instruments.	Development of rhythm, melody and harmony from DR SMITH. Complex timing and coordination on own and with others. Performance skills developed with treble and bass clef. Appraising will focus more on instruments and melodic writing.

What I must know/u nderst and can do		Know the elements of music Perform rhythms in time with others Understand how long quavers, crotchets, minims and semibreves last for Compose using the above rhythmic values Understand what a graphic score is Compose and perform a piece of music to represent a theme.	Know where the notes are on the keyboard Understand how long quavers, crotchets, minims and semibreves last for Play in time on your own and with others Understand how to read the treble clef Compose your own melody	Understand what a chord is and be able to play C, F and G Major chords Play a chord sequence using block, broken and um pa pa technique Play chords and a melody in time with your partner Learn to play chords on the keyboard and Ukulele Sing with accurate pitch as a class	Understand what a riff and ostinato are Be able to play a riff/ostinato in time Be able to play a melody in time with a riff/ostinato played by a partner Be able to write you own riff Understand different time signatures	Perform the first eight bars of both melodies in time with others. Perform the Yellow Bird chords in time with the melody. Understand and play with syncopation. Know the rhythmic values of quavers, crotchets, minims and dotted minims. Know the notes of the treble clef. Play the chords for Three Little Birds on the offbeat.
Year 8	Music and advertising	Blues	Pop Music	Film Music	Latin America	Нір Нор
	Jose Gonzalez	Bessie Smith, Ray	The Weeknd, Jason	John Williams, Bernard	Gerardo Matos	One realized and Elevelo
Iconic musici ans		Charles, B.B. King, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Muddy Waters	Derulo, Tracey Chapman, Jonas Blue	Herrmann, Hans Zimmer, Ennio Morricone	Rodríguez	Grandmaster Flash, Sugar Hill Gang, The Beastie Boys, Kriss Kross, Eminem.

Techni ques learnt / links to KS4	Development of dynamics, structure and melody from DR SMITH Music and the media as an employment route. Focus on performing com plex melodies and accurately an in time. Composing music to a brief. To fit with an advert. Creating music for a target audience Appraising will focus on instrumentation and creating mood through complex use of the elements of music	Development of melody and harmony from DR SMITH Introduction to improvisation and more advanced performance with more parts. Composition of melody using a blues scale and the 12 bar blues pattern Appraising looks at instruments/melody/harmony/keywords.	Development of melody, harmony and texture from DR SMITH. Two handed and syncopated performance skills Focus on chord construction and accompaniments. Looking at the formula for composing popmusic, including the four chord trick Appraising removes some support and looks at structure and instrumentation.	Development of melody, instrumentation, and tonality from DR SMITH. Performance tasks extend range and rhythmic identity. Composing a lightmotif Appraising will focus on instrumentation, rhythm and metre.	Development of rhythm, harmony and tonality in DR SMITH Complex performance skills and rhythmic understanding Development of world music theory and appraising Appraising will focus on world music theory, rhythm, instrumentation.	Development of Rhythm, instrumentation and harmony from DR SMITH. Modern genre links to BTEC Performing complex melodies with chords. Performing raps with understanding of syncopation and flow. Intro composition using technology Lyric writing Appraising focuses on lyric delivery, structure, melody and rhythm and pulse.
What I must know/u nderst and can do	Understand what a jingle, voiceover and underscore are. Be able to perform several short jingles. Write your own jingle.	Identify and perform the chords used in the 12-bar blues Play a syncopated blues melody in time with your partner Improvise whilst somebody else plays chords Understand key points about the history of the blues and slavery	Understand and perform a hook Add a bass line and play this in time with your partner Use DR SMITH to discuss different versions of pop pieces Use music technology loops to create your own pop song, using a pop structure Write your own drum loop	Perform several film motifs Perform the first 16 bars of Pirates of the Caribbean Play the chords for the first 8 bars of Pirates of the Caribbean Compose your own light motif for a character in a film clip	Perform the melody for La Cumparsita in time with a partner Perform the chords for La Cumparsita Compose a tango chord sequence Perform Samba rhythms as part of a class performance Improvise rhythms as part of a Samba solo	Perform the first eight bars of both melodies in time with others. Compose a rap which introduces your crew and discusses a topic important to you. Perform the chords and bass for Still DRE. Perform your rap in time with a backing. Use Mixcraft to sequence your backing track

Year 9	What is music to you?	History of music – Baroque and Classical	Grunge and Britpop.	Musicals	Disco, EDM, Grime	World Music and Fusion
Iconic musici ans	Ed Sheeran, Hot 8 Brass Band, Chopin	Pachelbel, Vivaldi, Mozart, Beethoven	Nirvana, Oasis, Blur	Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Abba, Rodgers and Hammerstein II, Queen, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Kander & Ebb, Leonard Bernstein, Lloyd Webber	Donna Summer, Lipps inc, Diana Ross, Earth Wind and Fire, Bee Gees, Avicii, Calvin Harris, Dave	Bombay Talkie, Panjabi MC, Paul Simon, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Afrocelt soundsystem, Kokolo, Mozart, Beethoven, Vivaldi, A.R. Rahman, Anoushka Shankar, Nora Jones, Fanfare, Ciocarlia, Bernstein
Why now?	Students take leadership of their learning. Links to modern pieces for students to play and identify with. Chords and melody and group performances will extend students further.	A look back at the building blocks of music. Importance of the use of chords, and their formation on pieces. Historically important period to discuss here.	Looking at various instruments Social developments impact on music Combination of melody and lyrics Compositional possibilities.	Development of previous units of work. Intro of stage musicals and their history – link to GCSE set works. Performance tasks again become more complex. Screen builds on film music – looking at Star Wars, Leitmotifs and composition work.	Link to the modern music industry. Social developments impact on music Developing use of Music technology Looking at links between styles of music and understanding the timeline of modern dance music	Fusing together more musical styles is more complex again than anything that has come before. Understanding and recapping on previous musical styles. Most complex performance tasks Ability to once again compose in the style.
Techni ques learnt / links to KS4	Development of Rhythm, structure, harmony and melody from DR SMITH. Links to modern pop genres. Development of performances using	Development of rhythm, structure, melody, instrumentation and harmony from DR SMITH. Complex performance tasks based on	Development of structure, harmony, tonality and melody. Performance of iconic pieces using performance	Development of all elements of DR SMITH Complex performance skills. Performing through composed pieces and pieces that	Development of all elements of DR SMITH. Performing modern pieces of music that show influence of different styles of music. Using music	Development of all elements of DR SMITH. Complex performance tasks that develop students understand of musical features and ability to work

music technology and performing as an ensemble. Appraising will focus on all elements with limited support. Students will take responsibility of researching styles and using the elements of using as a tool for analysing genres independently.	multiple parts playing as an ensemble Development of composing melodies using Sibelius. Appraising will focus on the theory of differing musical styles and the basis of harmony and melody	techniques linked to the style Composition of catchy riffs and chordal patterns that show a strong awareness of the different styles Appraising will focus on development of pop theory and research. Understanding the similarities and differences between popular styles of music and the influences behind each of them	have tempo and key changes. Development of composition skills, looking at leitmotifs to represent characters.and places. Appraising will focus on theory of stage and screen. In particular the use of the musical elements to compose music for theatre and looking at difficult features of film that are harder to grasp	technology within performance Developing music technology skills when composing. Using DAWs to manipulate samples. Appraising will focus on modern production and song writing techniques and the use of music technology as an instrument.	independently as an ensemble Composing in different styles of fusion. Bringing together ideas from previous genres looked at in KS3 Appraising will focus on the development of music theory and world music understanding Understanding key concepts from different styles and how they combine to create fusion.
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What I must know/u nderst and can do	Use DR SMITH to discuss your favourite music Play the melody and chords to Shape of you in time with a partner Play the hook for shape of you Write your own hook	Perform parts from Pachelbels canon, in time with others. Compose own melody to fit with Pachelebels canon ground bass Use DR SMITH to answer listening questions Perform parts from Fur Elise	Perform the Smells like teen spirit riff in time Play the chords for the opening four bars of smells like teen spirit Use DR SMITH to comment on pieces of music Perform Don't look back in anger chords in time	Perform all of the melody for Do-Re-Mi Describe and perform a Leitmotif Use DR SMITH to comment on songs from musicals Perform 'My shot' riff from Hamilton	Perform the melody to Funky Town Play the bass line for Funky Town Compose your own Disco riff Perform the hook and chords for Wake me up Perform the chord sequence for Samantha in time Use DR SMITH to comment on Disco, House and Grime music	Perform the bass and tune for Mundian to Bach ke Understand what a fusion is, and be able to name some musical fusions Compose your own Bhangra melody, using conventions of the style Play the chords for You can call me Al Be able to play a Djembe backing rhythm to add to You can call me Al Play the melody for Ode to Joy in time with a backing track
Tech award year 10	SOL: Component 1 LAA Develop appreciation of styles and genres of music. Links to KS3 schemes on various styles. Learning about features of styles in more depth. Builds on listening skills. Develops composition and performance skills	SOL: Component 1 LAA Develop appreciation of styles and genres of music. Links to KS3 schemes on various styles. Learning about features of styles in more depth. Builds on listening skills. Develops composition and	SOL: Component 1 LAB Exploring techniques used to create music products. Selecting three musical products to develop further showing how skills and techniques from learning aim A have been implemented. Develops performance and	SOL: Component 1 LAB Exploring techniques used to create music products. Selecting three musical products to develop further showing how skills and techniques from learning aim A have been implemented. Develops performance and	SOL: Component 2 LAA Exploring professional and commercial skills for the music industry. Developing understanding of how musicians share music with others within the industry.	SOL: Component 2 LAB Applying and developing individual musical skills and techniques. Focusing on developing practical skills worked on throughout the whole of KS3. Self-evaluating improvements made in these skills and techniques.

	through practical workshops Using Music Technology as a tool for composition- Links to KS3 schemes such as Pop and Hip Hop	performance skills through practical workshops Using Music Technology as a tool for composition- Links to KS3 schemes such as Pop and Hip Hop	composition skills even further. Evaluating and analysing how to develop composition and performance.	composition skills even further. Evaluating and analysing how to develop composition and performance.	Exploring and developing skills and evaluating own skills set.	
Tech award year 11	SOL: Component 2 LAB Applying and developing individual musical skills and techniques. Focusing on developing practical skills worked on throughout the whole of KS3. Self-evaluating improvements made in these skills and techniques.	SOL: Component 3 prep Practice and preparation for component 3. Exploring different methods for changing a styles of music. This will take influence from Component 1 and 2 as well as linking to KS3 work on styles of music. Links to Pop unit in year 8. Students creating a cover version.	SOL: Component 3 prep Practice and preparation for component 3. Exploring different methods for changing a styles of music. This will take influence from Component 1 and 2 as well as linking to KS3 work on styles of music. Links to Pop unit in year 8. Students creating a cover version.	SOL: Component 3- External Learners will be given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given commercial music brief.	SOL: Component 3- External Learners will be given the opportunity to develop and present music in response to a given commercial music brief.	

GCSE Year 10	SOL: Building blocks of music Generic music history focus on keywords based around DR SMITH. Intro to GCSE listening and appraising questions. Start on essay questions and how to answer. Composition techniques Builds on KS3 curriculum. Focus on	SOL: Killer Queen Understanding of set work. Links to exam content with less support. Exam practice. Most relatable set work based on KS3 curriculum. Start on essay questions and how to answer. Mock composition 1 Builds on last half term to introduce	SOL: Music for a while Intro to the Baroque period. Wider listening and shared features. Song writing and links to Killer Queen discussed. Focus on history, theory content and links to the exam. Mock composition 1 Continued development and	SOL: Star Wars Development of stage and screen from year 9. Focus on all the elements of DR SMITH and putting the work in context. Exam questions and essay writing. Composition 1 Intro to the first composition task. Depending on student ability it could be theme and variation/blues	SOL: Brandenburg Return to the Baroque period with a more complex piece. Continual development of context, DR SMITH, essay writing and listening questions. Composition 1 Further development ensuring all	Focus on fusion and music technology. Links to work from year 9. Development of theory, context, essay and listening question. Composition 1 completion To complete composition one completely before the summer break.

	elements one at a time to build up to shorter challenges.	longer practice tasks based around melody and harmony.	refinement from previous content.	piece/rock song/own choice if confident.	students are covering all of DR SMITH in their writing to get the best marks possible.				
Iconic musici ans	Purcell, Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Wagner, Chopin, Kern, Bernstein, Sondheim, Lloyd Webber,	Queen, Beach Boys	Purcell	John Williams	J.S. Bach	Afro Celt Sound System			
	Performance work happens throughout the year, linked to progress reports and supported through wok of instrumental staff. Aural skills and wider listening are extended in each half term with standalone lessons to focus on them.								
Year 11	SOL: Pathetique Intro to Beethoven, Classical and Romantic writing, development of Purcell and Bach. Focus on all elements of DR SMITH and links to listening and essay questions at GCSE. Composition 2 prep Exam boards release the briefs. Focus on the styles involved and their compositional features.	SOL: Essay and listening prep Revision of topics covered. Focus on unfamiliar listening and aural dictation building on one off lessons previously. Focus on essay writing / structure. Samba Em Preludio Intro to new set work. Look at general stylistic conventions and then focus on	SOL: Defying Gravity Start the final set work. Understand context and DR SMITH. Revision Of all set works, context, DR SMITH, wider listening, unfamiliar listening and aural dictation. Composition 2 Aim to complete the composition this half term.	SOL: Listening practice Of all set works, context, DR SMITH, wider listening, unfamiliar listening and aural dictation. Performance exam prep Spend time in lesson ensuring all have developed their mock performances ready for the final recordings.	SOL: All set work revision Of all set works, context, DR SMITH, wider listening, unfamiliar listening and aural dictation.				

		learning about DR SMITH. Composition 2 Start the composition 2 task. Start with either chords or melody to develop the composition.						
Iconic musici ans	Beethoven	Esperanza Spalding	Stephen Schwartz					
	Performance work happens throughout the year, linked to progress reports and supported through wok of instrumental staff. Aural skills and wider listening are extended in each half term with standalone lessons to focus on them							
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Year 12		Instrumental - Schumann	Film Music – Batman	New directions – Petals	New directions – Petals	Revision of year 12 set works		
		Understanding of Baroque, Classical and Romantic chamber music. Development into the romantic period and how females made their own voice as composers.	Intro to the film genre with iconic blockbuster music scores. Multi movement and advanced unpredictable harmony. Vocal – Bach	Really complex new piece, look at this more contemporary style of composition and the wider listening linked to it. All backed up with listening and essay questions.	Continuation of petals Pop – Courtney Pine Intro to Jazz and the context this brings. Focus on exam analysis	Exam practice and consolidation. Composition one Completion of composition one. Performance three Further performance		

		focus on DR SMITH and essay questions Rhythm, melody composition Development of small tasks from GCSE. Focus on rhythm, melody and simple chord patterns. Exploring unfamiliar music and performance preparation Intro to wider listening and unfamiliar listening and unfamiliar listening as wanted in the exam.	moving onto this multi movement work, the first movement is very complex Chord patterns and advanced progressions Focus on advanced harmony and modulations. Short composition tasks Exercises that bring everything together. Performance to the class and mark each other.	Start free choice composition based on tasks completed and looking at a plan.	Final set work on instrumental music, leads on well from Schumann and the musical language used there. Has links to Debussy from year 12. Composition one Development of main musical content for composition. Performance two Further performance session for students to demonstrate their progress.		
Iconic musici ans		Schumann, Bush	Elfman, Bach	Saariaho and Shankar	Berlioz and Pine		
	Throughout the year - essay and listening work backs up the set work topics - This is done with aural dictation lessons once per week						

Asses sment Map		Week 4 Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least one minute	Week 3 Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least two minutes	Week 3 Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least three minutes	Week 3 Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least four minutes Composition	Week 3 Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least five minutes
		Composition assessment – Rhythmic and melody task	Composition assessment – 16 bar chord and melody task	Composition assessment – Film music composition task – 45 seconds+	assessment – Free composition – 60 seconds+	Composition assessment – Mock brief – 90 seconds
		Week 6 Listening question	Week 6 Listening question on:	Week 6 Listening question on:	Week 6 Listening question on:	Week 6 Listening question on: Berlioz
		on: Bush Schumann Essay question Question 5 – Baroque period	Batman Bach Essay question Question 5 – Romantic period Question 6 - Bush	Bush Aural dictation Essay question Question 5 – 80s Pop Question 6 – One of Batman OR schumann	Saariaho Shanker Essay question Question 5 – Film Question 6 – Bach OR Bush	Pine Aural dictation Essay question Question 5 – New directions Question 6 – Saariaho OR Shanker
Year 13	Film Music – Hermann	Pop Music – The Beatles	Vocal Music – On Wenlock Edge	Revision	Revision	

Complete the film music set works. Multi movement and motivic development. Focus on listening and essay questions.

Instrumental Music – Berlioz

Final set work on instrumental music, leads on well from Schumann and the musical language used there. Has links to Debussy from year 12.

Revision

Completed through cumulative essay and listening question practice.

Composition 1

Completion of composition one – cold also start a second if students would like to bring all ideas together to work on something new, then choose the best.

Technical Study

Introduction to the technical study, look at past examples and

Final lessons on The Beatles. Students can go on to write their own listening questions for development.

Vocal Music – On Wenlock Edge

Final vocal set work. Advanced harmony. Builds on both Mozart and Schumann from year 12.

Composition 1

Could work on comp one or two aiming for final version.

Technical Study

Development of exercises and understanding.

Performance 4

Further performance session for students to demonstrate their progress – look to extend the performance time.

Completion of the work.

Fusions - Debussy

Continued development of the fusions, but also developing from some of the instrumental work we looked at last half term.

New Directions – Stravinsky

Most complex work, builds on all previous set works.

Composition 1

Total completion of composition one or two.

Technical Study

Final prep for the technical study.

Final revision in preparation for the exam.

Performance focus 5

Further performance session for students to demonstrate their progress – look to extend the performance time.

Technical study

Exam board release technical study for students to complete.

Final revision in preparation for the exam.

	how to approach them. Allow students to focus on either four part or arranging. If four part start work on Mrs D harmony book.								
Iconic Musici ans	Berlioz	The Beatles	Debussy, Stravinsky						
	Hermann	Ralph Vaughan- Williams							
	Throughout the year - essay and listening work backs up the set work topics - This is done with aural dictation lessons once per week								
Asses	Week 3	Week 4	Week 3	Week 3					
sment Map	Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least six minutes	Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least seven minutes	Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least eight+ minutes	Performance assessment – Prepare a performance of at least eight+ minutes					
	Composition assessment – Mock brief – 3 minutes	Composition assessment – Composition technical study – 2 minutes	Composition assessment – Set composition 3 minutes 30	Composition assessment – Set brief – 4 minutes 30					
	Listening question on:	Week 6	Week 6						
	Pine	Listening question on:	Listening question on: Beatles Vaughan Williams	Week 6 Listening question					
	Aural dictation	Bach		on: Stravinsky					
	Essay question Question 6 – Berlioz	Batman		Debussy					

OR Shanker	Essay question	Aural dictation	Aural dictation	
	Question 5 – Fusion	Essay question	Essay question	
		Question 5 – Jazz Question 6 – Hermann OR Schumann	Question 5 – New directions Question 6 – Beatles OR Vaughan Williams	