Music Curriculum Overview

YEAR 10/11

What are the technical and logistical issues that may occur when creating a music product?

What techniques can we use to create an excellent composition?

What makes an excellent music performance?

What is a roadie?

Why do we use different types of venues?

What is a composer?

How can you practice your instrument effectively?

What are the three main major record companies called?

Can you name the different unions, trade bodies and agencies used in the music industry?

What is A&R

What marketing materials are required when thinking about a musical product?

What are the pros and cons of record companies?

What event would create the largest crowd?

What are pentatonic scales?

What is Aleatoric music?

What is minimalism?

What are Rag scales and Tala rhythms?

How can music be used to sell a product?

Why is it important for a jingle to be poetic?

Can you name all the recording studio roles and responsibilities?

YEAR 9

Why does a jingle need to be catchy?

How can I use the elements to enhance my jingle?

What is the difference between Traditional and modern Indian music?

Can I name any famous Indian artists?

What is traditional Indonesian music called?

What is Serialism?

Can I name minimalistic composers from the 20th Century

What is a musical product?

How can I make my film music have a bigger impact on the listener ?

Is music important within film? Why?

What is Rhythm n Bass?

What is a bridge?

Can you name any famous reggae artists?

What chord sequences are often used in reggae?

Why do we use the elements of music in film music?

Do I know of any famous film music composers?

Why does my film music need structure?

Can you play a rock beat on the drums?

What is Drum n Bass?

What pop bands were most popular from 2000 to 2020?

Why is a bassline so important in reggae music?

What is mento, ska and rocksteady?

Where did Reggae Music originate?

YEAR 8

Can I play as part of a percussion ensemble?

Can I layer different polyrhythms for a performance?

Can I recognise African vocal and instrumental music through listening?

What is Rap music?

Can you name any rap artists?

What influences on other arts did rap and hip hop have?

What is the role of a Surdo drummer?

Can you name all of the different Samba drums?

What is syncopation?

What is the structure of African music?

Why are lyrics important? Can you write your own Rap lyrics?

Where was rap and hip hop developed?

Where are we most likely to hear Samba music?

What pop bands were most popular in the 80's and 90's?

Why is it important for a pop song to have structure?

What is a 4 chord song?

What were Blues lyrics written about?

Can I play the 12 bar blues chord structure on the ukulele and keyboard?

What is improvisation?

What is the 12 bar blues chord structure?

What are the three chords used in the blues?

What instruments are used to form a popular music band?

Can you name all of the sub genres of Popular music?

What is Britpop?

What instruments do you associate with Blues music?

What is a bass riff?

When did Blues music originate?

YEAR 7

What is Gregorian Chant?

What is a chamber orchestra?

Can I clap a rhythm ostinato?

Who were the composers of the Romantic Period?

What is Popular Music?

What is a Leitmotif?

Can you use the elements to describe a piece of music?

What is an Ostinato?

Who were the composers of the Baroque and Classical Period?

Can you play a classical melody on the keyboard? (Twinkle Twinkle)

Can you play a Romantic melody on the keyboard? (Ode to Joy)

What is programme music?

How can an instrument be used to represent an animal?

Superhero music? Why is music important in representing a character?

What is a triad chord?

What is a melody?

Which instruments are brass?

Which instruments belong to the string family?

Can you play a scale of Con the keyboard?

Can you sing in a group?

What is pitch and how can we locate notes on a keyboard?

The Elements of Music overview?

What is a Polyrhythm?

Can you describe what rhythm is?

Where do instruments sit in an orchestra?

Which instruments are percussion?

Which instruments are woodwind?

What are the four main musical families?

What are the letter names for the lines and spaces on a stave?

What elements make up musical sound?

What is a graphic score?

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