

Curriculum Information Year 9

- Each year is broken into 6 units divided between the Band Project and Technology/Composition.
- Each unit is divided into skills and knowledge.
- Each unit has a particular focus on one or more of the musical elements.

Unit title	Skills	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn 1: Valerie (<i>Rhythm and Harmony</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Clave rhythm Syncopation Bass tab Different drum grooves	Major scales Relative minors Sharps and flats Circle of 5ths Tones and semitones	<p>Each unit is assessed with a final performance (Band Project) or composition (Technology)</p> <p>These are recorded, marked and shared with students and home.</p> <p>Knowledge is assessed every lesson through outcomes and mini whiteboard/quizzing work to check for understanding</p>
Autumn 2: Film Music (<i>Sonority, Melody and Harmony</i>)	Logic shortcuts Echo Delay SFX Panning, EQ, Automation	Pedal notes Leit motif Ostinato Instruments of the orchestra Sustained, tremolo Dissonance	
Spring 1: Uptown Funk (<i>Rhythm, Harmony and Structure</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Bass and guitar tab Different articulations Keyboard riffs	Major and minor triads Dominant 7ths Major 7ths Inversions	
Spring 2: Club Dance Track (<i>Rhythm and Texture</i>)	Effects Production skills Genre specific FX Automation, Panning, EQ, Reverb	Dance track structure Chord progressions Melodic riffs Bass lines	
Summer 1: Beggin' You (<i>Melody and Rhythm</i>)	Instrumental skills Ensemble skills Rapping Broken chords	Changing metres Complimentary chord sequences Pop song structures Complex rhythmic patterns	
Summer 2: Songwriting (<i>Structure, Harmony and Melody</i>)	Lyric writing Arrangement Intention/word painting Different song structures	Syllabic Melismatic Diminished 7ths Chord progressions and modulations	