

Year 8: Music	
Term 1 Topic	Expo 2021 'Connecting Minds, Creating the future'
The Blues:	
In this unit students will explore the historical context of Blues music through a variety of performance and listening activities.	
African Drumming:	
In this unit students will explore the music and rhythms of African Music while developing their performance and composition skills.	
Assessment	
Students will record a performance and improvisation (video recordings).  A written / listening assessment covering the above topics (Assessment Week 1).	
Term 2 topic	Cross Curricular Links/Projects
Descriptive Music:	History - The Blues
In this unit students will develop their composition and listening skills while developing an understanding of 'descriptive music'.	ICT - Hooks and Riffs (music ICT) Geography - African Drumming / Reggae Music
Just Play!:	
In this unit students will develop their instrumental skills across a variety of musical instruments. They will learn and perform contemporary / pop musi compositions and develop their ability to perform as part of an ensemble.	
Assessment	
Students will perform and record their compositions as part of this assessment.  A written / listening assessment covering Descriptive Music (Assessment Week 2).	







Term 3 Topic	Assessment Format:
Hooks and Riffs:	Continual Assessment
In this unit students will learn about repeated musical patterns - such as Hooks, Riffs and Ostinatos – through a variety of listening, performance and composition activities.	Students will record and upload all performance and composition tasks to their personal music folder (this can be accessed via a personalized QR code attached to their music workbook).
Reggae Music:	Assessment Week
In this unit students will explore the historical / cultural context of Reggae Music and develop their ensemble performance skills.	Students will complete a written assessment based on a selection of the topics covered.
<u>Assessment</u>	
Students will record individual performances to be assessed.  A written / listening assessment covering the above topics (Assessment Week 3).	
Assessment Objective Overview	Links for Home Learning/Extension Resources:
AO 1 Performing AO 2 Composing AO 3 Listening and Appraising AO 4 Evaluation	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82 https://cmshirk.wixsite.com/k-12music https://www.rockhall.com/education



