

Elements of Music

Articulation	The techniques used on the instrument
Melody	The main tune of the music
Dynamics	How loud or soft an instrument is played
Tonality	The mood of the music
Metre	The number of beats in a bar
Structure	The sections within a piece of music
Tempo	The speed of the pulse
Harmony	The chords in a piece of music
Sonority	The sound an instrument makes
Rhythm	A pattern of long and short notes
Texture	The layers of sounds in a piece of music

Other Key Vocabulary

Pulse	The beat, or "heartbeat" of the music
Ensemble	A group of musicians playing together
Off-beat	The "and" of each beat. The space between the counted beats
Half-time	When the pulse is counted half as quickly, the opposite of double time

Year 8 – Term 2 Knowledge Organiser

Topic - Reggae Music

Key Skills



Playing In Time -

When the **rhythm** of the music is in sync with the **pulse**

Ensemble Skills -

Performing music with others. The way musicians blend their voices and instruments to make a pleasing sound



Listening and Appraising -

Identifying key features and musical elements in music through listening

Why?

This unit introduces students to another musical culture from elsewhere in the world, allowing them a deeper appreciation for the global influences on modern popular music.

Reggae music is among the more popular genres of the western world and offers opportunities to progress to more challenging content with greater understanding and proficiency in the key skills and elements of music.

