



THE JOURNEY OF LEARNING

Y8 Learning Journey



Year 8
Summer
Holidays

DIRT

End of Year Assessment

Compose for a movie clip.

Film Music
Project

What is film music?

Why do we need film music?

Year 8
Summer
Term 2

Famous film
composers

The Film Music
Industry

Knowledge and Application
Assessment

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Intro to Music
Technology

What is a DAW?

What is a loop?

Music Producers



What is mixing
and mastering?

What is
quantization?

What is a plugin?

What is a drum machine?

Year 8
Summer
Term 1

Ensemble Performance



Latin
Rhythms

Latin
Styles

Social
Context of
Latin Music

What is
Syncopation?

Latin
Instruments



Year 8
Spring
Term 2

Part 3: Latin
Music

Ambitions week

Improvising using
the Blues scale.

What is improvisation?

Social Context
of the Blues

What is the
12-bar blues?

Mid Year
Assessment

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Who was Bob Marley?

How do we
play Reggae
basslines?

Part 2:
The Blues

Year 8
Spring
Term 1

What is
the Blues?

Knowledge & Application Assessments

Group
Performance

How do we play
chords in Reggae?

What is half-time?

Year 8
Autumn
Term 2

Music of The
Americas –
Part 1: Reggae

What are off-beats?

Developing Rhythmic
Notation Reading

Composing with rhythm

Simple and Compound
Time Signatures

"Odd" Time
Signatures

Ensemble
Performance



Subdivisions

Why is music important in different cultures?

Complex
Word-rhythms

What is call and
response?

Revisiting
Musical
Elements and
Key Skills

Exploring Advanced
Rhythmic Concepts



Build on
knowledge

welcome

Year 8
Autumn
Term 1



Knowledge & Application
Assessments

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Assessments

PSHE

Careers Related

Literacy Focus

Cultural Capital