

		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
The Big Q.		MUSIC 101	POP	TV & FILM		
Autumn 1	1	What makes music different from sound or noise?	What makes a pop song successful or memorable?	How does music tell a story without words?		
	2	Why is pulse important in music?	How does a catchy hook influence the way we listen?	Why do certain sounds make us feel scared, sad, or excited?		
	3	What can rhythm tell us in a piece of music?	Why do pop songs often follow a predictable structure?	What makes a theme tune unforgettable?		
	4	How does pitch affect the feeling of music?	How does production shape the sound of pop music?	How does music help us understand a character's emotions?		
	5	Why do we use different dynamics in music?	What makes lyrics connect with listeners?	Why is silence sometimes the most powerful soundtrack?		
	6	What does tempo do to music's energy?	How do artists use image and sound to create identity?	Do certain genres of films require certain instrumentation ?		
The Big Q.		MUSIC 101	POP	TV & FILM		
Autumn 2	7	What is timbre and how does it change the character of a sound?	Why do so many pop songs share similar chord progressions?	What's the difference between a soundtrack and a score?		
	8	How does texture affect the way we hear music	How does technology influence how pop music is made and shared?	How does music change how we interpret a scene?		
	9	Why does silence matter in music?	What role does repetition play in creating a hit?	Can the same piece of music mean different things in different films?		
	10	How do composers use repetition and contrast?	How does pop music reflect the time and culture it's made in?	What makes film music successful—even if we don't notice it?		
	11	What makes a melody memorable?	How do vocal effects change the emotional impact of a song?	How do composers use instruments to paint pictures in our minds?		
	12	How do instruments work together in an ensemble?	Can a pop song be considered art—and who decides?	Can music make a film good and vice versa?		
The Big Q.		BLUES	ROCK'N'ROLL	MUSIC TECHNOLOGY		
Spring 1	13	Why do people turn pain into music?	What makes Rock 'n' Roll sound different from earlier music styles?	How has technology changed the way we make music?		
	14	What makes the Blues sound like the Blues?	How did Rock 'n' Roll change popular culture?	What is the difference between analog and digital sound?		
	15	How does the 12-bar structure help musicians play together?	Why is the electric guitar so important in Rock 'n' Roll?	How do looping and sampling work?		
	16	Why is improvisation important in Blues music	How do rhythm and beat drive Rock 'n' Roll music?	What role does a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) play in music production?		
	17	How can repeating chords still create something new?	What role did youth culture play in the rise of Rock 'n' Roll?	How does technology affect the role of a musician		
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Spring 2	18	What makes a Blues melody memorable?	How does Rock 'n' Roll blend different musical influences?	What are the benefits and challenges of auto-tune?		
	19	How does Blues music express identity and experience?	Why did Rock 'n' Roll face controversy when it first appeared?	How can technology help musicians collaborate remotely?		
	20	How does call and response help us communicate musically?	How do lyrics in Rock 'n' Roll express freedom or rebellion?	How does technology shape different musical genres?		
	21	What can the Blues teach us about musical influence and change?	What makes a Rock 'n' Roll performance exciting?	What is MIDI, and why is it important?		
	22	Why has the Blues inspired so many other styles of music?	How has Rock 'n' Roll influenced modern music genres?	How do sound effects change the mood of a track?		
The Big Q.		REGGAE	PROTEST SONGS	RAP		Exams
Summer 1	23	What makes Reggae instantly recognisable?	What makes a song a protest song?	How has technology shaped the sound of rap music?		
	24	Why is rhythm so important in Reggae music?	How can music inspire social change?	Why is sampling important in rap production?		
	25	How does offbeat guitar shape the feel of Reggae	Why do protest songs often use simple melodies and lyrics?	How do producers use beat-making software to create rap beats?		
	26	Why is bass the foundation of Reggae sound?	How do artists balance message and musicality?	How does technology allow rappers to experiment with their vocals?		
The Big Q.		REGGAE	Can protest songs be effective if they are popular?	What impact does auto-tune have on rap music?		
Summer 2	27	How does Reggae give a voice to people and protest?	How does the context of a protest song affect its meaning?	How do rap artists use technology to tell stories?		
	28	What can music tell us about Jamaican culture?	What role does repetition play in protest music?	How has the internet changed the way rap music is shared and discovered?		
	29	Why do Reggae songs often sound laid-back but feel powerful?	How does Reggae give a voice to people and protest?	Why are microphones and recording technology vital to rap performance?		
	30	How do Reggae artists use music to tell stories?	How have protest songs changed over time?	How do rap producers mix and master tracks for different platforms? What ethical issues arise from sampling in rap music?		
	31	How does repetition in Reggae create unity and identity?	Can protest songs be controversial or divisive?			
	32	What makes Reggae continue to influence music around the world?	How do protest songs give a voice to those without power?			