Term	Learning content/skills	Assessment Schedule*	Home Learning Support (How students can extend learning in addition to homework)
Autumn 1	RemixesPerformance and compositionPurpose/application of 'remixing'Tunes of remixes	Knowledge (MADTSHIRT) test	These are tasks you can take up at any time of the year:
	Types of remixes Manipulation of musical elements to create a remix Keyboard skills Performance (fluency, accuracy etc)	One formally assessed piece of performance classwork	Actively listen to music from home cd collections, online sites (Youtube, Spotify, Soundcloud etc.) What instrumentation can you hear? Can you hear what other types of music has influenced this? How does this relate to the music we are covering in lesson? What genre- specific features can you hear being played? Start to play an instrument – get lessons, then bring that instrument to your classroom music lessons- this will really boost your sight- reading/compositional skills Get involved – join a band / club and focus on improving your musicianship and meeting new people.
			Go to a concert! Seeing music being played live is the best way to experience a specific genre(s), gain some first-hand contextual knowledge and inspiration.
			Listen to the radio – there are genre-specific shows on various radio stations (e.g. folk show radio 2 on Wednesdays, or Metal Sundays on Radio 1). There are also some great podcasts that you can listen to online.

			Come into the Drama and Music Department and learn how to use different instruments, as well as musical software on the computers
Autumn 2	Hooks & Riffs Composition What makes music 'catchy'? (short, simple, repetitive) Rhythm/timing Bass lines Chords Melodies	Knowledge (MADTSHIRT) test Lesson by lesson creation One formal composition assessment	
Spring 1	Keyboard skillsMusic from other culturesHistorical context of culture that accompanies differentCaribbean music genresRange of specific rhythms: Clave, off-beat, Polyrhythms,cross-rhythms, syncopationEnsemble/individual performances of a selection ofCaribbean genres to play as part of a portfolio	Knowledge (MADTSHIRT) test Portfolio of formally assessed performances (choice of two covered pieces)	•
Spring 2	MinimalismComposition and performanceContext and history of minimalismMotifs, cyclic patterns, repetition and textureGlockenspiel/Xylophone and keyboard skillsEnsemble skills (the pupils form groups of 4-5 for theassessment project)	Knowledge (MADTSHIRT) test Lesson by lesson creation One formal composition assessment	•
Summer 1	Baggy Trousers Performance Lyrics writing Chords, melody, bass line, Song structure	One formally assessed piece of performance classwork	•

Summer 2	Hip-Hop Shakespeare	Lesson by lesson creation	•
	Composition and performance		
	Context and musical characteristics of HipHop music	One formal composition	
	Lyric writing (rhyme and metre)	assessment	
	Bass lines, chords, melody,		
	Song structure		
	Cross curricular: Story of 'The Tempest' adapted to rap		
	lyrics		

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*All assessments may be subject to alteration to best suit the learning needs of students.