Bishop Heber High School

Subject	Year	Term
Music	8	1

Topic

The Beatles & Music For Special Occasions

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic) Melody Writing

The Beatles & Music for Special Occasions

During this term, students will develop their use of compositional devices in a logical development from composing for intended effects in Year 7. They will explore a greater variety of musical devices, with an initial focus on chords, in increasingly sophisticated contexts. Again, the emphasis will be delivering the knowledge in a logical sequence of lessons that gives students the opportunity to practice their skills independently and within a group context.

Future Learning (Topic) The Music of India

What Knowledge and Skills will be taught (Implementation)

The Beatles & Music for Special Occasions

Skills Focus

- Perceptive listening, identifying musical devices and conventions associated with chords, increasing expressive and textural range as a composers and performers.

Context

- The knowledge and skills will be delivered through the music of The Beatles and continued by investigating Music for specific occasions and events with a focus on fanfares, ostinato, drone and chord playing styles.

Content

- Listening activities to identify conventions, occasions and musical devices – *Eleanor Rigby, She's Leaving Home*
- Chord construction in theory and practice
- Chord accompaniments to *Eleanor Rigby*
- Chord sequences and suspensions
- Identifying the features of Fanfares.
- Composing a Fanfare with a range of accompanying devices

How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)

Assessment

- Improvisation on e-minor scale
- Chord sequences and the implementation of suspensions
- Group Composing using the conventions and features of fanfares
- Written evaluations of their own and others' work.
- Beatles research project.

Contributing to NC Coverage

Play and perform confidently, fluency, accuracy	✓
Improvise, compose, extend ideas in range of structures, styles, genres, traditions	✓
Use staff and other notations	✓
Inter-related dimensions of music, tonalities, scales, devices	✓
Listening with discrimination – great composers	✓
Deeper understanding of music performed – it's history	✓

How can parents help at home?

Support and encourage research into The Beatles' music for homework project.

Helpful further reading/discussion (including Reading and Vocabulary Lists)

Reading

- Y8 Music Workbook
- Wider listening to songs by The Beatles

Vocabulary Lists

The Beatles
Chords
Major
Minor
Staccato
Suspension
Fanfare
Block Chord
Broken Chord
Vamp
Triadic