Bishop Heber High School

Subject	Year	Term
Music	8	3

Topic

The Music of India

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic) The Blues

The Music of India

During this terms students will build on their knowledge of scales introduced last term by learning about scales from Western and non-western musical traditions. By focusing on Indian raga, they will explore Indian music structures and improvisation techniques as well as experiencing additional textures and compositional techniques.

Future Learning (Topic) Minimalism

What Knowledge and Skills will be taught (Implementation)

The Music of India

Skills Focus

- Building a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of scales and associated skills of performing them.
- A focus on using Indian elements in improvisation and composition within a given structure.

Context

- Introducing the concept of potentially unfamiliar music from a range of cultures and traditions.
- Exploring the conventions and devices used in Indian Raga and developing a composition and performance through that fuses Indian features with Western musical devices.

Content

- The World of Scales
- A variety of music from around the world as an introduction to non-Western music
- Indian songs for class singing, Instrumental raga
- Musical Fusions

How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)

Assessment

- Performing a raga, drone, tala
- Showing understanding of Alap, Jhor, Gat structural devices in composing
- Assessment of role in group composition
- Written evaluations
- Research homework
- Y8 Music exam in June

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?

Encourage wider listening, especially non-Western music.

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

Reading

- Y8 Music Workbook
- Wider listening to music from a variety of cultures and traditions.

Vocabulary Lists

Scales
Major
Minor
Chromatic

Indian Features:
Raga
Drone
Tala
Alap
Jhor
Gat