University of Birmingham School Curriculum Outline: MUSIC

	Term 1a	Term 1a Term 1b		Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b	
Year 7	Understanding Kpanlogo Particular focus on pulse, rhythm and ensemble pitch and ensemble		Exploring the orchestra Particular focus on pitch, rhythm, instrumental-skill and ensemble		Understanding minimalism Particular focus on texture, development of melody ideas and use of music technology			
Year 8	The evolution of African American music Particular focus on harmony, improvisation, guitar and keyboard skills and ensemble skills							
	Spirituals to Blues	pirituals to Blues Understanding Jazz		Exploring Reggae	Discovering Funk	Exploring Hip-hop Focus on music technology	Musical Futures: students own choice songs	
	Functional vs non-functional harmony							
Year 9	British pop: From the Beatles to Stormzy Particular focus on developing understanding harmony and instrumental and ensemble skills	Understanding North Indian Classical Music Particular focus on improvisation and		Music for film Particular focus on harmony, tonality and composition		Music for change Particular focus on harmony, melody writing and composition	Examining music critically Particular focus on musical analysis, instrumental and ensemble skills	
Year 10	The Story of Blues and Jazz piano and		piano and c	Dassical Tradition: <i>exploring orchestral,</i> <i>chamber music between 1600-1900</i> ing study of 1 GCSE set work	British Invasion: <i>British pop music in the 1960s</i>	Pop music from the 1970s onwards	Music for stage and screen Composition task Performance exam	
Year 11	Musical fusion Revision by element of music Composing to a brief	Revision of set works Composing to a brief		Revision by ApS Polishing your composition portfolio	Paper 3 revision			
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Year 12	The BIG five periods of music	AoS A: The Development of the Symphony – part 1		AoS E: In to the Twentieth Century Including study of 2 set works	Exploring nocturnes: a composition task	AoS C: Musical theatre	Revision of AoS A, C and E	
	Preparing for your final recital						I	
Year 13	Composition to a brief Revision of AoS A (part 1) +C	AoS A: The Development of the		Improving your composition portfolio Revision of AoS E	Revision of AoS A (parts 1 and 2), C and E Final recital			

al theatre	Revision of AoS A, C and E