Gordon's School Music Department
Key Stage 3 - Curriculum Map
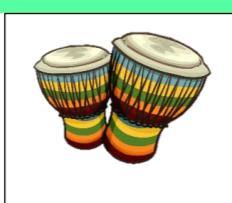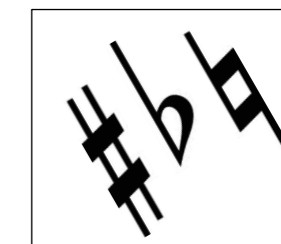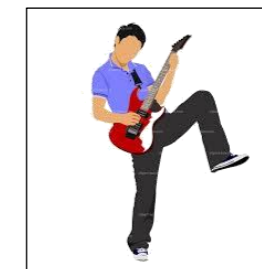
Key Words / Skills: MAD T SHIRT!

- Melody
- Articulation
- Dynamics
- Time/Tempo
- Structure
- Harmony and Tonality
- Instrumentation
- Rhythm
- Texture

Film Music Part 2
Performing famous film themes including Pirates of the Caribbean and Harry Potter.

Film Music Part 1
Composing music for film chase scenes and horror films using Bandlab.

Jazz
An exploration of the world of jazz by learning how to construct more complex chords.

Protest Songs
A cross-curricular project with Drama and Art, looking at the use of the arts in protest.

Year 9

Pop and Rock Harmony
Take sheet music from the internet and be able to create music from it by learning about chords.

Minimalism
You will learn to play Time Lapse by Michael Nyman which demonstrates the key features of minimalist music.

Reggae
This topic is a favourite! Developing keyboard and band skills whilst learning about music from Jamaica!

Christmas Keyboards
A chance to practise your keyboard skills whilst learning those Christmas favourites.
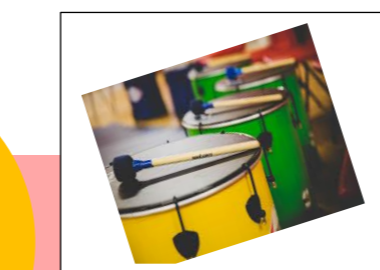
Blues
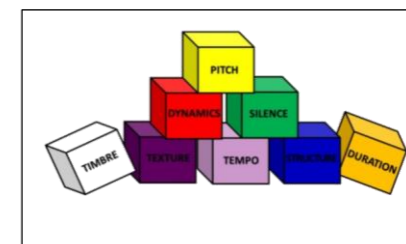Performing and improvising using the key features of Blues music.

Year 8

Rhythms of the World
Features of world music are learnt before performing and composing ostinati and cross rhythms

Theme and Variation
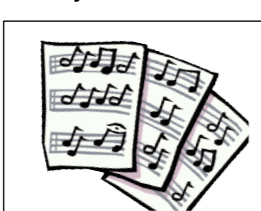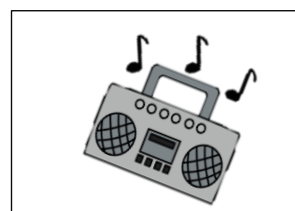Learn how to develop your melodic ideas by using a variety of techniques

Samba!
Learn how to combine rhythms to make samba music suitable for a festival.

Pachelbel's Canon
A topic based around chord patterns with a historical twist.

Welcome to Music!
You will see we have lots of interesting topics planned for your time here at school that will build on skills you have been taught in KS2. Now let's begin your music journey at Gordon's.......

Keyboard Skills
Develop your knowledge of the Keyboard. Learning how to navigate their way around the keyboard and understanding the functions

Year 7

Building Bricks of Melody
You will develop your ability to pitch notes, compose, play and sing melodies and how to describe them.

Building Bricks of Rhythm
You will begin to develop your awareness of a regular pulse. You will learn to use rhythm grids in music.