

Belfairs Academy Music Fundamentals – Year 8

Knowledge	Skills
Unit 1	Performance
Recognise the following	Development of coordinated right and left hand use at keyboard. Left hand and right
composers and aspects of	hand beginning to move independently. Playing both hands together and performing as a
the orchestra and be able	soloist. Instrumentalists to develop specialist skills.
to explain the key features	, ,
of each.	Composition
Bach, Mozart,	Arranging; focusing on teamwork to realise a group performance.
Beethoven	
Saint-Saëns, Tchaikovsky	Appraising
Era	Analysis of different styles of music recognising keywords (knowledge) in the mix. Identifying
Genre	programme music, ballet music and nationalistic music. Listening and learning to perform
Secular, Sacred	iconic classical music.
Medieval, Renaissance	Teorific crassical mosic.
Baroque, Classical	
Romantic, 20th Century	
Leitmotif	
Programme music Orchestra	
Strings	
Woodwind	
Brass	
Percussion	Double was a superior
Unit 2	Performance
Recognise these aspects	Rhythm, beats and the division of beats both in sound and silence. Physical realisation of
of music	the multi-layered polyrhythmic piece in the style of. Master drummer role. Group vocal
Beat	performances.
Pulse	Commont to a
Cannon	Composition
Round	Group composition based on varying rhythms.
Semibreve	A supervision of
Minim	Appraising (1)
Crotchets	Analysis of different types of music from different areas of the world. Recognising keywords
Quavers	(knowledge) in the mix.
Semiquavers	
Polyrhythm	
Unison	
Call and Response	
Cycle	
Unit 3	Performance
Explain these key terms in	Continuing development of coordinated right and left hand use at keyboard. Left hand
music	and right hand beginning to move independently. Playing both hands together and
Pythagoras	performing as a soloist. Instrumentalists to develop specialist skills.
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Tablature	Composition
Scale	Arranging; focusing on structure, tempo and dynamic choices.
Equal temperament	Ananging, rocosing on shocrore, rempo and dynamic choices.
Tone	Appraising
Semitone	Applaining
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Chromatic(ism)	Analysis of similar styles of music recognising keywords (knowledge) in the mix. Identifying
Major	different types of scales. Listening to more iconic classical music.
Minor	
Blues Scale	
Modes	



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Unit 4	Performance
Recognise these musical	Continuing development of coordinated right and left hand use at keyboard. Left hand
styles:	and right hand beginning to move independently. Focus on improvisation and
Jazz	performance with a given backing track and stimuli. Playing both hands together and
Swing	performing as a soloist. Instrumentalists to develop specialist skills.
Latin	
Fusion	Composition
Traditional	Creating music on the spot following rules.
Improvisation	
Ostinato	Appraising
Syncopation	Analysis of 4 major jazz styles, recognising elements that make them unique.
Off beat	
Unit 5	Performance
Understand these aspects	Recording into the computer via a midi keyboard. Writing and delivering lyrics. Use of music
music technology	technology to generate/support a performance. Learning how to correct imperfections
Underscore	during a performance using music technology
Sound effects	
Mickey-mousing	Composition
Delay	Using music technology to produce a soundscape to a given timescale. Demonstrate
Quantise	awareness of timing, tempo and tech based techniques.
Sample	
Rondo	Appraising
	Analysis of different genres of film music recognising keywords (knowledge) in the mix.
Unit 6	Performance
Revisit previous knowledge	To perform in groups, pairs or as soloists demonstrating skills gathered across year 7 and 8.
	Perform a popular song of their choice.
	Composition
	Arranging the original song to suit the performance/compose additional component parts
	(intro, outro etc.)
	Appraising
	Analysis of performances using the elements of music.