

YEAR 9: MUSIC CURRICULUM AT LACON CHILDE SCHOOL

Year 9	Autumn Term 1				
Topic	Rock and Roll Music				
Big Question	How to apply predetermined and genre specific knowledge to another genre.				
Concepts	How to use the 12 bar Blues in Rock and Roll. How to use the 4 Chords in Rock and Roll. Development of notation reading. Performance skills including fluency and accuracy.				
Knowledge Skills	Students will explore the convention of rock and roll music of the 1950s. Students will understand the importance of this time to the development of pop music. Building on both The Blues and Pop music, students will listen to and experiment with music in this genre. Focussing on keyboard skill, students will perform a 'classic' rock and roll song by a famous artist. (with a choice of different difficulty pieces, including arrangements of Hound Dog and Rock Around the Clock) Starting with the context, students will develop a deeper understanding of popular music, using the musical elements to define the characteristics of that genre. Popular music is covered in AOS2 with popular music conventions. Unfamiliar listening often includes rock and roll. The structure (build on the blues) can be used to structure compositions. Knowledge Understanding of the 12 Bar Blues in a different genre. Identify typical Rock Band instrumentation Understanding of the 4 Chord Structure in a different genre. Effective application of chords to a melody				
	 Developing the ability to read notation To aurally discern between instruments Apply the fundamental elements to a different style of music (genre specific) 				
Common Misconceptions	That rock and roll music is 'all Elvis', students will experience different artists across the genre.				
Key Vocabulary	12 Bar Blues Tonic Strophic Form Dominant Harmonic Structure I, IV and V Metre				
Assessment Points	Interim Assessment: Theory and context including blues from Year 8. Summative Assessment: Performance of a well-known Rock and Roll piece.				
Diversity, Inclusion and Personal Development	Students build on the knowledge of				

How parents can be of support	
Extra Curricular Links	History: Mention of The Blues. Cultural Capital :Black history including the western world in the 50's
Wider Resources	

Year 9	Autumn Term 2					
Topic	African Drumming					
Big Question	How to create a rhythm using					
Concepts	How to create a unified sound using percussion. How to play a Djembe with the correct techniques.					
Knowledge Skills	Students will explore African traditional drumming using the musical elements to listen and appraise. Students will understand the instrumentation and structure of the music as 'different' through playing some African drumming patterns and experiment with composing their own rhythms. As well as learning the context of African traditional conventions, students will focus on learning the instrumentation associated with African music; their names, how they work and their timbre. Students will understand the structure of African music, common percussive patterns and improvisation around the main rhythms, written using standard notation. Students will end this topic by performing an African drumming pattern and assessed on their ensemble skill. Knowledge Skills					
Common Misconceptions						
Key Vocabulary	Djembe Polyrhythms Talking Drum Syncopation Dun Dun Call and Response					

Assessment Points	
Diversity, Inclusion and Personal Development	Students will learn about the importance of African drumming to the culture in different parts of Africa. They will explore how a lot of the music is sacred and heard at rites of passage ceremonies e.g. weddings.
How parents can be of support	
Extra Curricular Links	
Wider Resources	

Year 9	Spring Term 1					
Topic	Live Performance					
Big Question						
Concepts	To learn what makes a good performance To identify different success criteria in other performances To include opinion-based thinking					
Knowledge Skills	Students will start by exploring what makes a good musical performance, including stage presence and stylistic awareness. Students will then learn how to practice/rehearse effectively through warm-ups and other theory/skill based activities. Students will be given a 'free' choice of performance piece, on their primary instrument and allowed class time to practice. Pieces will be performed either true solo/monophonic or to a backing/accompaniment. Students will analyse the AQA music performance marking criteria and use this to focus their skill. Students will perform to an audience of their peers, using a 'stage' area and submit a score of their chosen piece. 30% of the overall GCSE is performance based with one performance a solo piece. Knowledge					
	What makes a good performance? Skills					

	How to apply communication, confidence, movement and practice in a performance piece.				
Common Misconceptions					
Key Vocabulary		Confidence The Elements			
Assessment Points	Interim Assessment: theory test and a performance analysis. Summative assessment: Performance of a piece chosen with guidance on their primary instrument.				
Diversity, Inclusion and Personal Development					
How parents can be of support					
Extra Curricular Links					
Wider Resources					