



## SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Pre-GCSE: Music Year 9

 Find an audio clip of reggae music. As you listen, identify some of the important features of this style of music.	 For GCSE music there is an expectation that you understand Grade 1 music theory. Look back at your notes from term 1 and make a selection of revision cards.	 Learn a piece of music on your instrument ready to play in the first term of studying this course. It can be any piece of music of your choice.
 How much do you know about the elements of music? Using your notes from term 1, create a mind map on the elements of music.	 Find an audio clip of serialism music. As you listen, identify some of the important features of this style of music.	 How much do you know about the GCSE music course? We use the AQA specification. Visit the AQA website and type in 'GCSE music'. Read the specification about the course.
 Visit the BBC website and explore the Ten Pieces music. See if you can explain a little bit about them, <i>eg</i> who composed them? Identify some of the musical features present.	 Visit BBC Bitesize and find the section about musical composition. Choose a video of your choice and make notes on how the composer has created their piece of music.	 Find an audio clip of the Overture from 'Little Shop of Horrors'. As you listen, identify some of the important features of this style of music.
 Try and find a well-known short nursery rhyme and see if you can develop the melody for your instrument. Examples could include Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star or This Old Man. The choice is yours.	 Find a piece of music that is available for your instrument and consider different ways in which it could be arranged for a group of instrumentalists <i>eg</i> a piano solo changed to a piano duet.	 Visit BBC Bitesize and find the GCSE AQA music section on performance. Read the information on performance and make notes.
 Using BBC Bitesize, research the FOUR areas of study used at GCSE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Western Classical Music;</li> <li>2. Popular Music;</li> <li>3. Traditional Music;</li> <li>4. Western Classical 1910.</li> </ol>	 GCSE music requires you to have reached Grade 5 for your instrument and/or voice. Can you use the internet to find an example of a Grade 5 piece for your instrument and/or voice?	 What are the career options available to you from studying GCSE music? Using the internet, find some interesting career paths that you could follow from studying GCSE music.

	Reading task		Creative task		Watching task		Student-led task
	Research task		Writing task		Listening task		Trip or visit