Year 9	Performing	Composition	Listening and Appraisal	Theory
Emerging	Can perform simple pieces with a reasonable degree of fluency and accuracy. Can maintain a separate part in an ensemble with a fair degree of security.	Can compose pieces using rhythmic and melodic ideas and a variety of instrumentation. Can successfully combine different layers of texture. Can use a DAW to sequence simple ideas. Can put loops and samples in to a structure to create sections within a composition Can use notation software to sequence simple ideas.	Can recognize and describe pitch, dynamics, tempo and timbre/sonority. Identify a basic range of instruments. Can appraise their own and others' work at a basic level.	Can clap basic pulse and some rhythmic patterns in time. Can identify a few musical symbols
Developing	Perform more exposed/significant parts mostly fluently and mostly in time.	Can compose pieces using rhythmic, melodic and harmonic devices and a variety of instrumentation. Can manipulate texture to achieve variety. Can use a DAW to sequence more complex ideas. Can use notation software to sequence more complex ideas.	Can recognize and describe dynamics, tempo, timbre/sonorities and rhythmic features. Can appraise their own and others' work at a fair level, suggesting improvements.	Is aware of some of the basic note values and notes of the treble clef. Can write down basic rhythms using crotchets, quavers and minims
Securing	Can perform more complex pieces with a reasonable degree of fluency, accuracy and expression. Can maintain a separate part in an ensemble with security.	Compose music for a given stimulus creating mood and atmosphere in a clear structure. Can compose pieces in different styles using rhythmic, melodic, harmonic and textural devices more extensively. Is able to use music technology or a live instrument to create a variety of ideas which can then be developed. Can use a DAW confidently to sequence complex ideas. Can use notation software confidently to sequence complex ideas.	Can recognize and describe dynamics, tempo, timbre/sonorities and both rhythmic and melodic features. Can appraise their own and others' work at a fair level, suggesting improvements.	Is aware of some of the basic note values and notes of the treble and bass clef. Can write down basic rhythms using crotchets, quavers and minims. Is aware of simple rests.
Advancing	Can perform demanding pieces with a fair degree of fluency, accuracy and expression. Can maintain a separate part in an ensemble with security and an ability to adjust to others.	Is able to use music technology or a live	Can recognize and describe dynamics, tempo, timbre/sonorities, both rhythmic and melodic features and texture. Can appraise their own and others' work using accurate and extensive musical vocabulary.	Able to identify basic note values and pitches on the stave, both treble and bass clef. Can compose rhythms and perform them correctly, alone and as part of a group. Can read basic notation on an instrument without any pitches written on the score.
Mastering	Can perform challenging pieces with good fluency, accuracy and expression. Can perform a separate part in an ensemble with sensitivity and awareness of the role. Can take on a leadership role in a group.	Can compose complex pieces using a variety of compositional devices. Can compose idiomatically for instruments and in different styles. Can use notation to plan and revise ideas. Can refine and improve compositional ideas. May take a leading role, offering guidance to others. Can use a DAW confidently to sequence complex ideas. Can use notation software confidently to sequence complex ideas using traditional notation.	Can recognize and describe dynamics, tempo, timbre, both rhythmic and melodic features, texture and structure. Can appraise their own and others' work using accurate and extensive musical vocabulary.	Able to identify basic note values, including dotted notes and pitches on the stave, both treble and bass clef. Can compose rhythms and perform them correctly, alone and as part of a group. Can read more challenging notation on an instrument without any pitches written on the score.