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Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1 – Intro to dept. & Vocal Warm-ups• Week 2 – Vocal Warm-ups & learn Year 7 Song• Week 3 – Recap of Year 7 Song & vote for class song• Week 4 – Learn class song• Week 5 – Vocal performance (class split into two groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 6 – Intro to Pentatonic scale• Week 7 – Keyboard practise (pentatonic scale)• Week 8 – Blinding Lights Melody practise on keyboard• Week 9 – Blinding Lights bassline practise on keyboard• Week 10 – Blinding Lights performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 11 – Intro to Ukulele & Singing Riptide• Week 12 – How to hold the Ukulele, Am and C chords• Week 13 – G chord• Week 14 – Changing between chords and adding rhythm• Week 15 – Riptide performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 16 – Intro to African Drumming• Week 17 – 4-beat rhythms and polyrhythm• Week 18 – Master drummers and Call and Response• Week 19 – Drum breaks and putting together a performance• Week 20 – African Drumming performance



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Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1 – Intro to Concerto• Week 2 – Right hand first three lines• Week 3 – Left hand first three lines• Week 4 – Advanced line & beyond• Week 5 – Concerto performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 6 – Intro to singing & Vocal Warm-ups• Week 7 – Vocal Warm-ups & learn Year 8 Song• Week 8 – Recap of Year 8 Song & vote for class song• Week 9 – Learn class song• Week 10 – Vocal performance (class split into two groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 11 – Intro to 4 Chord songs• Week 12 – Left hand C, G, Am and F• Week 13 – Changing the order of chords in a 4 Chord song• Week 14 – Adding rhythm to the chords• Week 15 – 4 Chord Song performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 16 – Intro to Film Music and Foley• Week 17 – Sound effects• Week 18 – Timing and practise with the scene• Week 19 – Practise with the scene• Week 20 – Film Music performance



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Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1 – Intro to Cover Songs & Somewhere Only We Know• Week 2 – Chords of Somewhere Only We Know• Week 3 – Melody of Somewhere Only We Know• Week 4 – Changing into a cover• Week 5 – Cover Song performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 6 – Intro to Advanced Ukulele• Week 7 – Billie Jean riff 1• Week 8 – Billie Jean riff 2• Week 9 – Billie Jean chords• Week 10 – Billie Jean performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 11 – Intro to Protest music• Week 12 – How to brainstorm lyrics• Week 13 – Creating Verse 1/Chorus• Week 14 – Creating the rest of the song• Week 15 – Protest music performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 16 – Intro to GCSE Music• Week 17 – Learning the intro of Africa-Toto• Week 18 – Learning the chorus of Africa-Toto• Week 19 – Putting together a performance of Africa-Toto• Week 20 – Africa performance