

Stanchester Academy
Year 11 - Music- Unit 1-Music Skills

Knowledge Organiser:	Year 10 AUTUMN 2022 to 2023:	UNIT 1
1. sonic features	the features of sound	
2. musical elements	ways to describe sound, e.g. dynamics, form, harmony, melody, rhythm, texture, timbre and tonality	
3. instrumentation	the instruments used in a piece, type of ensemble, e.g. orchestra, band, strings, woodwind	
4. texture	the layers of sound, e.g. solo, duet, homophonic, polyphonic, unison	
5. timbre	the quality of sound made by a particular instrument, e.g. electronic, nasal, breathy, warm	
6. tonality	the principle of organising sounds around a central note, e.g. scales, modes, blues scales, pentatonic scale	
7. scales/modes	a set of musical notes ordered by fundamental frequency or pitch	
8. harmony	the sound of 2 or more notes heard simultaneously, e.g. major and minor triads, power chords, 7 th chords	
9. rhythm	the recurrence of notes or rests in time	
10. rhythmic techniques	the way rhythms are created, e.g. syncopation, swing, one drop/shanking, polyrhythms, hemiola	
11. structure	the design of a piece, e.g. verse/chorus, 12 bar blues, through-composed, binary, ternary, rondo	
12. melody	a series of notes played in an order that is memorable and recognizable as a separate unit	
13. melodic techniques	the way melodies are created, e.g. conjunct, disjunct, chromatic, diatonic, phrasing, repetition, sequence	
14. production	the process by which music is created, captured, manipulated, and preserved so that it can be distributed	
15. DAW	a music production software that allows users to record audio on a personal computer	
16. The Blues	a style of secular folk music created by African Americans in the early 20th century	
17. Rock and Roll	a style of popular music from the 50's and 60's, Elvis was a singer from this era	
18. The Classical Period	a Western traditional style of music from 1750s to 1820s, composers such as Mozart wrote in this era	
19. Disco	a style of dance music from the 70's and 80's, e.g. the Bee Gees wrote "Stayin' Alive"	
20. Britpop	a style of popular music from the 90's, which took influence from British Invasion bands from the 1960's	