

# Glossary

## Elements of Music

**Pulse** – the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.

**Rhythm** – long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.

**Pitch** – high and low sounds.

**Tempo** – the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.

**Dynamics** – how loud or quiet the music is.

**Timbre** – all instruments, including voices, have a certain sound quality, eg the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin.

**Texture** – layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.

**Structure** – every piece of music has a structure, eg an introduction, verse and chorus ending.

**Notation** – the link between sound and symbol.

## Vocabulary by Year

### Year 1

Pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, high, low, melody, bass guitar, drums, perform, singers, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, Funk, groove, audience, imagination, song, tempo, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lullaby, Musicals, orchestra, Pop, Reggae, waltz.

### Year 2

Keyboard, drums, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, trumpet, pulse, rhythm, pitch, improvise, compose, audience, question and answer, melody, dynamics, tempo, perform/performance, audience, glockenspiel, band, bass guitar, brass band, percussion, piano accompaniment, lullaby, Musicals, orchestra, Pop, Rock, Soul, Opera, major, minor, introduction, verse, chorus.

### Year 3

Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesizer, hook, melody, texture, electric guitar, backing vocals, riff, ostinato, Reggae, pentatonic scale, imagination, Disco, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, texture, repeats, rhythm patterns, legato, staccato, forte, piano, Appalachian music, Baroque music, Blues, Country, Folk music, Native American music.

## Year 4

Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture, timbre, tonality, structure, improvise, hook, riff, ostinato, solo, pentatonic scale, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesizers, by ear, notation, backing vocal, piano, acoustic guitar, percussion, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, repeats, legato, staccato, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, Contemporary R&B, Classical music, Choral music, Electronic Dance Music (EDM), crescendo, diminuendo, mezzo forte, mezzo piano.

## Year 5

Rock, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, chorus, riff, hook, improvise, compose, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, big bands, pulse, rhythm, solo, ballad, verse, interlude, tag ending, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, rap, ostinato, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, tonality, Soul, groove, bassline, brass section, harmony, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, repeats, rhythm patterns, legato, staccato, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, chords, Minimalism, Rock n' Roll, South African Pop, Contemporary Jazz, crescendo, diminuendo, mezzo forte, mezzo piano.

## Year 6

Style indicators, melody, compose, improvise/improvisation, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, elements, Soul, producer, groove, Motown, hook, riff, ostinato, solo, Blues, Jazz, by ear, phrases, unison, Gospel, harmony, bassline, brass section, melody, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, repeats, rhythm patterns, legato, staccato, forte, piano, fortissimo, pianissimo, chords, Orchestral, Pop, Hip Hop, Rock, Disco, Romantic, Zimbabwean Pop, Folk, Salsa, Film Music, Musicals, Reggae, crescendo, diminuendo, mezzo forte, mezzo piano.