Music Year 8 - Performing

Year 8	Emerging	Developing	Secure	Excelling
Instrument Skills	Can use simple keyboard skills in one hand. Some attempt to add basic use of the musical elements	Use of more developed keyboard skills but mostly in one hand only. Some elements of fluency in performance	Use of more developed keyboard skills in both hands which offer a mostly secure performance. Evidence of control and accuracy within actions.	Extremely effective use of developed keyboard skills in both hands which offer an accomplished performance. and are executed with control , accuracy and precision
Mastering stylistic features	Little attempt to work in chosen style or adapt musical elements to convey this. Most pieces sound similar.	Some sense of style in performance, using some specific rhythms, sounds and dynamics to convey the chosen style	Clear demonstration of style/genre within the piece using correct rhythms, sounds and dynamics to convey the chosen style.	Style/genre within the piece is clearly embedded throughout and mastered consistently and with authenticity, using correct rhythms, sounds and dynamics with creativity.
Working as part of a group	Evidence of working with others with some positivity. Guidance needed. Relies on others for motivation and ideas	Evidence of working with others with some positivity and cooperation. Some simple organisational skills evident.	Positive group working relationships. With some clear leadership and organisational skills shown.	Extremely positive working relationships within group and strong leadership shown. Exceptional organisation skills
Delivering a performance	Takes part but no real sense of performance or commitment	A performance is undertaken with some success. Only minor errors evident	Some consistency in the application of skills in a clear and confident performance. Awareness of audience	Very confident and consistent performance showing awareness of audience throughout.
Evaluating Music	If prompted, can offer only basic response to a performance, expressing yes or no.	If prompted, can offer a simple response on aspects of a performance.	Can make clear comments on the strengths and weaknesses of a performance with some clear justification of ideas.	Offers detailed comments on the strengths and weaknesses of a performance, justifying their ideas and using some subject specific vocabulary.

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Composition	Able to follow a simplified version of music/tablature with limited accuracy. Some attempt to add basic musical elements such as dynamics or timbre to their piece.	Able to play and write simple traditional stave notation and/or tablature with some accuracy. Can add 2or 3 different musical elements to an initial idea.	Creative composition/arrangement which shows accurate use of a variety of notations. Can apply several musical elements with a sense of purpose.	Effective and imaginative composition/arrangement which shows a comprehensive understanding of a variety of notations with clear, considered use of the musical elements.
Ensemble skills	Own part of music is partially learnt. Attempts to play along with others.	Own part is mainly learnt with an attempt at playing own role within an ensemble.	Own part is secure and is played successfully as part of a group and with fluency .	Able to take a leading role in the group, performing own part securely and showing sensitivity to the parts of others.
Working as part of a group	Works with others only with guidance and support. Little evidence of original ideas or input.	Evidence of working with others with some positivity . Can contribute some ideas to the group but these may not be original.	Positive group working relationships. Imaginative responses to tasks, showing understanding of musical elements, techniques and some creativity in their application.	Excellent organisation skills and positive working relationships. Strong leadership shown. Ideas are imaginative, showing a more complex understanding and creative application of the musical elements and techniques.
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Music Year 8 – Composing/Arranging