



Year 7 Unit 1 Knowledge Organiser: Keyboard Skills and Musical Elements

Section 1: Key Words

Pitch	High	The highness or lowness of a sound.
	Low	
	Stepwise	Moving one note at a time
	Leap	Jumping to the next note.
Articulation	Smooth	Playing notes in a long, smooth way
	Legato	
	Detached	Playing notes in a short, detached, spiky way.
	Staccato	
Dynamics	Loud	The volume of the music. Italian music terms are used to describe this.
	Soft	
	<i>pp</i> pianissimo	Very quiet
	<i>p</i> piano	Quiet
	<i>mp</i> mezzo piano	Moderately quiet
	<i>mf</i> mezzo forte	Moderately loud
	<i>f</i> forte	Loud
	<i>ff</i> fortissimo	Very loud
	Crescendo 	Gradually getting louder
	Diminuendo 	Gradually getting quieter
Silence	Rest(s)	The opposite or absence of sound. In music these are called RESTS.

Section 2: Key Words

Tempo	Fast	The speed of the music. Italian musical terms are used to describe this.	
	Slow		
	Lento	Slow	
	Andante	At a medium (walking) pace	
	Moderato	At a moderate speed	
	Allegro	Fast	
	Accelerando (accel)	Getting faster	
	Rallentando (rall)	Getting slower	
	Duration	The length of a sound or note	
Long			
	Short		
	Texture	Thin texture	A solo or small number of instruments
		Thick texture	Lots of instruments.
Timbre	Sonority	Instrumentation – the unique sound or tone quality of different instruments, voices or sounds.	
	Instrumental sound		

Section 3: Keyboard layout and chords

