| | Beginning | Working Towards | Expected | Exceeding | Excelling |
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| | Grade 1 | Grade 2-3 | Grade 4-5 | Grade 6-7 | Grade 8-9 |
| Keyboard Skills | l can: | l can: | l can: | l can: | l can: |
| | Playing: Singing & Performing | Playing: Singing & Performing | Playing: Singing & Performing | Playing: Singing & Performing | Playing: Singing & Performing |
| | Find and play "Middle C" on a keyboard with guidance | Navigate basic functions around a keyboard e.g. mains power, on/off switch, connecting headphones and splitters, keyboard hygiene etc. | Play simple unaccompanied melodies from treble clef staff notation using the correct fingering. | Perform on the keyboard from treble clef staff notation with confidence using both the left and right hands. | Perform more technically demanding pieces using both hands and reading from both treble and bass clefs. |
| | Navigate extremely basic functions around a keyboard such as mains power, on/off switch. | Play simple warm-ups, scales and melodies which have the pitch or note names written on the music. | Add a basic accompaniment on the left hand (such as chords as triads). | Play left hand chords in a variety of styles e.g. arpeggios, broken chords, Alberti Bass. | |
| | | Find and play a "Middle C" on a keyboard | | Perform more advanced additional pieces fluently with accuracy of rhythm and pitch. | |
| | Creating: Composing & Improvising | Creating: Composing & Improvising | Creating: Composing & Improvising | Creating: Composing & Improvising | Creating: Composing & Improvising |
| | Create very basic melodies using just the right hand | Use supporting keyboard functions such as "Single Finger Chords" when performing left hand parts. | Use and alter basic keyboard functions such as changing the Voice/Tone and adjusting the tempo on a rhythm/style accompaniment/backing. | Investigate and explore more advanced functions on a keyboard e.g. recording and playback, using different tracks to record and layer a piece, adding effects, MIDI etc. | Create and improvise pieces on the keyboard, using keyboard functions in real-time. |
| | Critical Engagement: Listening & Appraising | Critical Engagement: Listening & Appraising | Critical Engagement: Listening & Appraising | Critical Engagement: Listening & Appraising | Critical Engagement: Listening & Appraising |
| | Recognise some standard keyboard instruments aurally; eg piano | Understand the concept of piano fingering using the numbers 1-5. | Understand the development of the keyboard and its history. | Demonstrate a firm knowledge of a variety of keyboard instruments and recognise them aurally. | Demonstrate a sound knowledge of the development and history of the keyboard |
| | | | Recall the enharmonic names for the black keys on a keyboard and apply these when performing. | | |
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