









The Elements of Music and their definition

These are essential to know for every topic at KS3! These elements of music are involved in every topic over the 3 years at KS3.

Knowledge Organiser: The Elements of Music

1. Dynamics - The volume of the music. There are lots of dynamics but in year 7 we use the following. P = Piano/quiet, mp = mezzo piano/moderately quiet, mf = mezzo forte/moderately loud and F = Forte/Loud.

2. Duration- The length of a sound. The length of the sound is determined by the type of note. We will look at the beat value of notes

note value	notes	rests	rest value
4 beats	= 		= 4 beats
2 beats	= 		= 2 beats
1 beat	= 		= 1 beat
$\frac{1}{2}$ beat	= 		= $\frac{1}{2}$ beat

3. Harmony- The relationship of notes. We will discuss chords. Multiple notes played at the same time.

4. Melody - The main tune. A conjunct melody is smooth and a disjunct melody is jumpy.

5. Metre - How many beats are in a bar. One of the most common time signatures in 4/4 meaning 4 crotchet beats per bar.

6. Pitch - How high or low the sound is.

7. Rhythm - The pattern of the notes. This will link back to number 2 and the note values.

8. Structure - The sections of the music. Music is often in sections. Binary form AB, Ternary form ABA, Rondo form ABACA and Pop song form but these are just some of them.

9. Tempo - The speed of the music.
Presto = very fast
Allegro = fast
Moderato = moderate speed
Large = very slow

10. Timbre - The sound of an instrument.
-Strings
-Brass
-Woodwind
-Percussion

11. Tonality - The mood of the music.
Major music - happy, joyful, uplifting
Minor music - Sad, solemn and mournful.