Music

GCSE Music – Texture, Tonality and Harmony

<u>A: Texture</u>

- **Solo -** One performer.
- Unison All performers using same notes.
- Monophonic One sound at a time
- **Polyphonic -** Multiple different layers.
- Homophonic Same melodic line but in chords
- Heterophonic Different sounds played together.
- **Counterpoint –** Textures that start at different times.
- Countermelody (Countersubject) Goes against the main melody
- **Doubling -** Playing the same notes as another instrument.
- Tutti All performers together

<u>B: Tonality</u>

- Major A scale running: TTSTTTS.
- **Minor -** A scale with a flattened third and alternative 6th and 7th notes
- **Modal** White note scale not starting at C. i.e. the order of tones and semitones is different from major.
- Atonal Music without a key
- **Modulation -** A change of key during a passage of music.

C: Harmony

- Consonance/Dissonance Sound good/bad together.
- Arpeggio/Broken Chord Spread out notes of a chord
- Pedal Single sustained note
- Transpose Change the pitch of the music