

Autumn term 2 musical appreciation!!!

Girl power for 4 weeks Winter wonderland for 3 weeks

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	Links
4.11.19	Perseverance and respect	<p>Jazz – Ella Fitzgerald Jazz is an original style of American Music. It is a unique blend of many styles of music including gospel music, brass bands, African music, blues, and Spanish music. One of the most unique aspects of jazz is improvisation. This is when the music is made up during the song. There is an overriding melody and structure to the song, but the musicians play it differently each time. Usually, each musician gets the opportunity to solo during the song. They improvise during their solo trying out new tricks and ideas to see what works.</p> <p>Jazz was invented by African-American musicians in New Orleans, Louisiana in the late 1800s. In the 1920s, the center for jazz moved from New Orleans to Chicago and New York City. This is known as the Jazz age.</p> <p>Ella Fitzgerald was born in 1917 and won an amateur talent contest which launched her musical career. Her scat sound was a hit in the jazz world and became her signature sound. Ella won many awards and sang with all the great musical legends. She died in 1996 and was nicknamed 'The First Lady of Song</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ella Fitzgerald:</p> <p>They can't take that away (with Louis Armstrong on trumpet) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3daunnT05X0</p> <p>All the things you are (with a jazz band - heavy brass sections) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPapxr8GvGA</p> <p>Cry me a river (you can hear her scatting and playing around with the tune – improvising. There are lots of versions of this song (most famous is Julie London) but this was actually written for Ella. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzZSyQdOCJk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everytime we say goodbye https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGNLLJz4Ajw</p>

<p>11.11.19</p>	<p>Perseverance and respect NB = theme of Casta Diva fits with Remembrance day</p>	<p>Opera – range of female arias Opera is a drama set to music. An opera is like a play in which everything is sung instead of spoken. Operas are usually performed in opera houses. The singers who sing and act out the story are on the stage, and the orchestra is in front of the stage but lower down, in the orchestra pit, so that the audience can see the stage. An opera is normally divided into two, three, four or even five acts. In older operas the music was mostly recitative and arias. During the recitative things would happen in the story. The aria was a song for a solo singer, a setting of a lyric. As well as recitative and aria there would be choruses. The chorus were a group of singers who sing in the crowd scenes. The opera would start with an overture for the orchestra. The overture would usually include tunes that are going to be heard later in the opera. Opera singers have to have powerful voices as well as a good technique. Most opera houses are very big, and the singers need to be heard at the back. They also need to be good at acting. They need to be able to learn their music quickly and to sing from memory. It is a help to be good at languages because operas are often in Italian, German, French, English or Russian. Very often in opera the heroine is a soprano and the hero is a tenor. Basses may often have the part of a powerful king, or he may be the bad guy</p>	<p>Casta Diva from Bellini’s opera ‘Norma’. Norma’s father wants to go to war, she is a priestess and here she sings an aria asking for peace. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-6JhBYZCrw&list=RDjCw-p6qY7H4&index=14</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Casta diva, che inargenti Queste sacre antiche piante, Al noi volgi il bel sembiante, Senza nube e senza ve! Tempra, o Diva, Tempra tu de' cori ardenti, Tempra ancora lo zelo audace. Spargi in terra quella pace Che regnar tu fai nel ciel.</p> </td> <td> <p>Chaste goddess, you cast a silver light upon these age-old, sacred trees. Turn your lovely face to us unclouded and unveiled. O goddess, calm the fire that burns in these hearts Calm their fearless zeal. Spread across the earth that same peace that rules the heavens by your power</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Oh mio babbino caro from Puccini’s - no clips of this on an opera performance, tends to be sung in concert as a ‘favourite aria’ as so famous. Here is an outdoor concert in Paris under the Eiffel tower (start at 0.58) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWuBCwS4B4E</p> <p>Queen of the Night from Mozart’s magic flute – has one of the highest notes sung in an aria (top F) – you need to be a coloratura soprano to sing this role. This version is sung in English (usually in German) – it is an angry song – she is trying to get her daughter to do something terrible! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RObyyjdA9ek</p>	<p>Casta diva, che inargenti Queste sacre antiche piante, Al noi volgi il bel sembiante, Senza nube e senza ve! Tempra, o Diva, Tempra tu de' cori ardenti, Tempra ancora lo zelo audace. Spargi in terra quella pace Che regnar tu fai nel ciel.</p>	<p>Chaste goddess, you cast a silver light upon these age-old, sacred trees. Turn your lovely face to us unclouded and unveiled. O goddess, calm the fire that burns in these hearts Calm their fearless zeal. Spread across the earth that same peace that rules the heavens by your power</p>
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<p>18.11.19</p>	<p>Generosity and thankfulness</p>	<p>Pop Power ballads: 1980s: Whitney Houston : Houston was born in Newark, New Jersey. She was the second child of Army serviceman and entertainment executive John Russell Houston, Jr. and gospel singer Cissy Houston.</p>	<p>Whitney Houston ‘Higher love’ has recently been re-released with Norwegian DJ Kygo, she had released a cover of the song in 1980 (was originally a song by Steve Winwood) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTYOkcRH220</p>		

Whitney began singing at a young age in gospel music at church, being influenced by her mother. She was described as having an impressive ranging mezzo-soprano voice. Whitney Houston has earned six Grammy Awards She had a total of 11 *Billboard* Hot 100 number-ones, She is the most-awarded female artist of all time.

1990s (My heart will go on 1997):

Celine Dion She was born in the town of Charlemagne, Quebec, [Canada](#). She is the youngest of 14 children. When she was 12 years old, her brother sent a recording to a manager named René Angélil. With his help, she released her first album in 1981. She won the 1988 [Eurovision Song Contest](#) where she represented Switzerland. She has sold the most albums in the world for a female artist. She has also sold the most French albums with 7 million copies. Dion is the best-selling Canadian artist of all time

Adele. Adele Laurie Blue Adkins [MBE](#) (born 5 May 1988), better known simply as **Adele**, is an English singer, songwriter, musician, and multi-instrumentalist. As a child she was inspired by the Spice Girls and Ella Fitzgerald and also Celine Dion. "Hello", became the first song in the US to sell over one million digital copies within a week of its release.^[124] At the 2016 [Ivor Novello Awards](#) Adele was named Songwriter of the Year by the [British Academy of Songwriters, Composers, and Authors](#).^[271] As of 6 August 2019, despite releasing just two albums in the decade (21 and 25), at 36 weeks she has the second [most weeks at number one in the UK Album Charts in the 2010s](#), five weeks behind [Ed Sheeran](#) (who has released four albums).

Celine Dion ‘My heart will go on’ – this was used as the theme song to the film Titanic. It became one of the best-selling singles of all time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNsm2P0I_7Y

Adele ‘Hello’ At the [59th Annual Grammy Awards](#), "Hello" won three [Grammy Awards: Record of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best Pop Solo Performance](#). At the [36th Brit Awards](#), "Hello" won [British Single of the Year](#) and was nominated for [British Video of the Year](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6NqQceofWQ>

<p>25.11.19</p>	<p>Generosity and thankfulness</p>	<p>Soul – Soul music is a kind of music that mixes rhythm and blues, gospel music and white pop music. It started in the 1960s in the United States. Features of Soul Music are call and response, hand claps, body movement and a tense vocal sound. Soul is energetic music with main subjects of lyrics being love, dance and life.^[1] Rock and Roll Hall of Fame states that soul is "music that arose out of the black experience in America through the transmutation of gospel and rhythm & blues into a form of funky, secular testifying."^[2] Recently, singers like Christina Aguilera, Amy Winehouse and Adele are known as Blue Eyed Soul singers. In some variations of soul brass and saxophones are used a lot</p> <p>Aretha Franklin Aretha Louise Franklin (March 25, 1942 – August 16, 2018) was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. She began her career as a child singing gospel at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father, C. L. Franklin, was minister. In 1960, at the age of 18, she embarked on a secular career, recording for Columbia Records but achieving only modest success. After signing to Atlantic Records in 1967, Franklin achieved commercial acclaim and success with songs such as "Respect", "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman", "Spanish Harlem" and "Think".</p>	<p>Aretha Franklin 'Respect' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FOUqQt3Kg0 'Think' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqYnevHibal 'I say a little prayer' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtBbyglq37E</p>
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<p>2.12.19</p>	<p>Generosity and thankfulness</p>	<p>Classical – winter music Vivaldi four seasons (Winter) Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice, Italy, which is where he spent most of his life. His father taught him to play the violin, and the two would often perform together.</p> <p>Antonio continued to study and practice the violin, even after he became a priest. He was called the "Red Priest" because of his flaming red hair. However, after a while, his bad asthma kept Antonio from saying Mass.</p> <p>After that, Vivaldi spent all his time writing music and teaching. He taught at an orphanage for girls, and wrote a lot of music for the girls to play. People came from miles around to hear Vivaldi's talented students perform the beautiful music he had written.</p> <p>Many people think Vivaldi was the best Italian composer of his time. He wrote concertos, operas, church music and many other compositions. In all, Antonio wrote over 500 concertos. His most famous set of concertos is The Four Seasons.</p>	<p>Vivaldi Four seasons ‘Winter 1st movement’ (Nigel Kennedy playing) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56_E68yN5MI</p>
<p>9.12.19</p>	<p>Generosity and thankfulness</p>	<p>Classical – carols The first known Christmas hymns may be traced to 4th-century Rome - they would be sing in Latin.</p> <p>In the 13th century, in France, Germany, and particularly, Italy, under the influence of Francis of Assisi a strong tradition of popular Christmas songs in regional native languages developed (early nativity plays telling the Christmas story).</p> <p>Christmas carols became popular in Victorian times. There are books of carols used in churches today (Oxford Book of Carols – edited</p>	<p>CD of Christmas carols in CW box</p>

		by Vaughan Williams) – sung in services and concerts at Christmas time.	
16.12.19	Generosity and thankfulness	<p>Christmas music - pentatonix Pentatonix (abbreviated PTX) is an American <u>a cappella</u> group (means they don't use any instruments) from <u>Arlington, Texas</u>, consisting of <u>vocalists</u> Scott Hoying, Mitch Grassi, <u>Kirstin Maldonado</u>, <u>Kevin Olusola</u>, and Matt Sallee. Characterized by their <u>pop</u>-style <u>arrangements</u> with vocal harmonies, <u>basslines</u>, <u>riffing</u>, <u>percussion</u>, and <u>beatboxing</u>, they produce <u>cover versions</u> of modern pop works or <u>Christmas songs</u>, sometimes in the form of <u>medleys</u>, along with original material.</p> <p>Pentatonix, is named after the <u>pentatonic scale</u>, a musical <u>scale</u> or <u>mode</u> with five <u>notes</u> per <u>octave</u>, representing the five members of the group.^[25] They replaced the last letter with an "x" to make it more appealing.^[26] The quintet derives its influences from <u>pop</u>, <u>dubstep</u>, <u>electro</u>, <u>reggae</u>, <u>hip hop</u>, and classical music</p>	<p>White winter hymnal https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o10drRI3VQ0 Deck the halls https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqItIHUSN-4 Joy to the world https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Xo64Q2ucQ8 Mary did you know? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifCWN5pJGIE&list=PLaONuT5QUpi_dKOBovDhtfzfs8XUndW-8J&index=17 Winter wonderland/don't worry be happy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1nQpoAvTSg&list=PLaONuT5QUpi_dKOBovDhtfzfs8XUndW-8J&index=18</p> <p>there are loads of songs on youtube – just put Pentatonix Christmas in.</p>