Senior Cycle Key Competencies in Transition Year Music 2025-2026



PLE 2024-2025



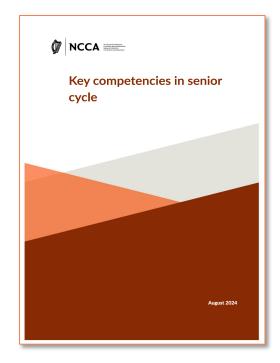
Learning together, we will...



- explore the newly published TY Programme Statement 2024 through investigating a possible 10-lesson module for TY Music
- investigate how the Senior Cycle Key Competencies are brought to life through suggested learning experiences for this TY Music module

Key Documents





Key Competencies in Senior Cycle Aug 2024



Transition Year
Programme Statement
Sep 2024

- Published September 2024
- Across all schools September 2025
- 2024/25 all schools will have the opportunity to audit and revise their current TY
- 4 interlocked Student Dimensions, with a particular focus on *Being a Learner*
- An Introduction to the Senior Cycle Key Competencies

New TY Programme – An Introduction





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An Introduction to the

Transition Year
Programme Statement
Sep 2024





As you watch this video, write down any questions you might have



Video available on oide.ie



School Context

- One Class for the full year Choice
- One module repeated 3 times
- Mandatory for every student
- Arts Education / Creative Studies
- Annual Musical / Collaborative
- Themes for modules decided by the school



Student Context

- Junior Cycle v's No Junior Cycle
- Never studied music
- Studied music outside of school
- No interest in music
- Curious about music
- From another school/country
- Proficient performer but has no foundation in music theory



Opportunity to Audit your TY Music



- Identify your student context
- Outline your school context
- Describe the learning experiences your TY music students currently engage in



Senior Cycle Redevelopment



...aims to educate the whole person.

It is important that TY is distinguished as a standalone year within senior cycle. Where senior cycle subjects or modules form the basis of a TY component, teachers can use their professional autonomy to decide on the most stimulating and innovative pedagogies, while supporting student progression across the developmental indicators.

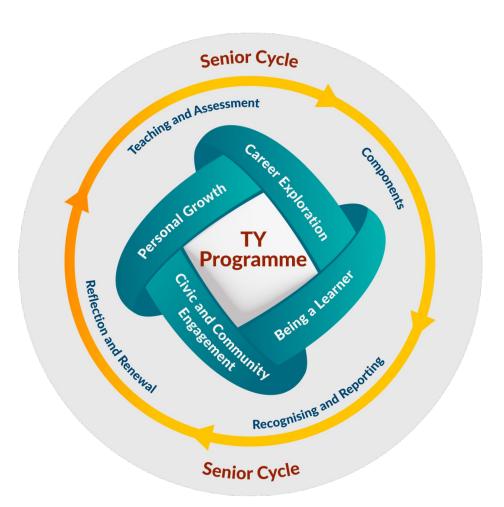
Transition Year Rationale



- Rapid changing world
- Autonomy for schools
- Opportunities to develop key competencies
- Broader range of possibilities and pathways
- Inclusive and embraces diversity
- Adaptable, empathetic, competent and resilient human beings

What's new?





Student Dimensions

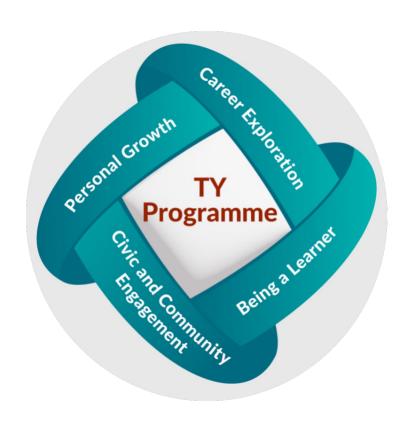
are central to the programme and describe how students can develop in TY and the experiences that can support this development

Curriculum Dimensions

provide the design parameters to assist schools in developing, evaluating, and renewing their TY programme

Each Student Dimension contains...





Transition Year Programme Statement (2024), pp.11-15

Developmental Indicators

While these indicators set out the parameters for the learning and development of the student, students will develop in different ways and to varying degrees across each of the indicators. In this sense, they also serve as reflective guidance for students.

The **Student Experiences** provide possible opportunities and contexts to support student learning and development consistent with the developmental indicators. These are not intended to be exhaustive but to offer guidance to schools in their planning.

New TY Student Dimensions



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Being a Learner



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Developmental indicators

- · Being more motivated to learn and seeing education as worthwhile and enjoyable
- · Setting learning goals and reviewing them regularly.
- · Becoming more skilled with digital technologies, both as a user and a creator.
- Exploring their own personal interests.
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Together in your group, consider how your selected Student Dimension might inform learning in your classroom

Curriculum Making



'A clear statement of aims in curriculum policy is only the starting point. It should be accompanied by systematic sense-making by teachers. Clarity of purpose is a necessary prerequisite for constructive and purposeful curriculum making.

It requires teachers to be more than simple implementers of policy, but instead, professionals who interpret, translate, mediate and enact policy through the exercise of professional judgment.

Go on the Learning Journey!



WHY are we going?

TY Programme Statement

WHO is coming?

The Student

WHERE do we want to go?

The Learning

HOW do we get there?

Pedagogy

WHAT did the learner learn?

Assessment

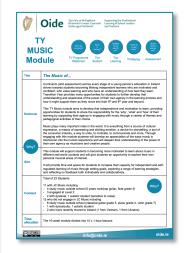
Possible TY Music Module

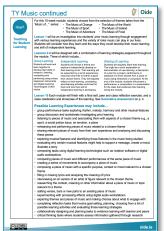


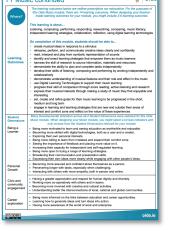
Transition Year Music Module Template



Title	A short title that clearly describes the module
Rationale	A clear and concise description of why the learning in this module is relevant for Senior Cycle students
Why?	A description of the Developmental Indicators from the Transition Year Programme statement found in this module. These statements will link to the rationale.
Context	An overview of who will be engaging in this module, their musical interests, experiences and other relevant information.
Time Allocation	The duration and intended number of lessons for this module.
Learning Outcomes	Specific statements that describe the learning that students should be able to demonstrate at the end of this module i.e., the outcome of the learning. These statements will clearly link to the aim.
Student Dimensions	An identification of the relevant student dimensions that are developed through the learning experiences in this module.
Teaching for Student Learning	A description of the pedagogic strategies and learning experiences that will empower students in becoming lifelong learners. These innovative, inclusive, active learning methodologies and appropriate student-centred approaches will link to the aims and learning outcomes of this module.
Assessment What?	A description of a variety of ongoing tasks, reflection exercises, and activities for both summative and formative purposes. These integrated assessment approaches will evidence the learning inherent in this module. They will also provide opportunities for the student to realise the student dimensions and develop the Senior Cycle Key Competencies and will link to the aims and learning outcomes of the module.
Resources	A description of the resources that will support the learning in this module.









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Curriculum Sense-making



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How are the Student Dimensions evidenced in this TY Music Module?

Transition Year Pedagogy



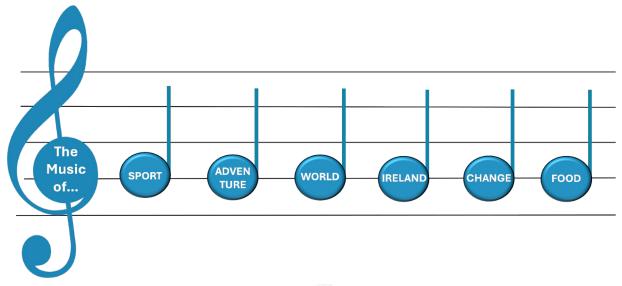


- appropriate and effective pedagogies, alongside ongoing assessment, supporting students to progress in their learning while also fostering innovative classroom practice
- offers time, space and autonomy to create enjoyable and meaningful educational experiences that support students

Music of...



How does engaging with this series offer students enjoyable and meaningful educational experiences? What other topic might you add to this series?

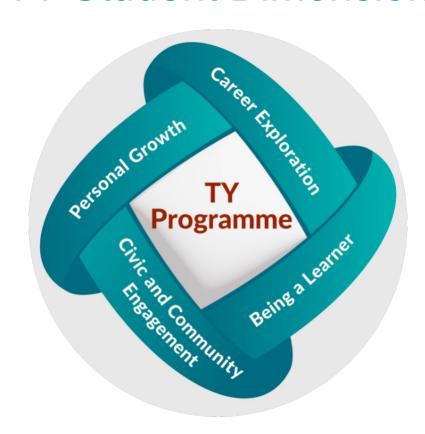




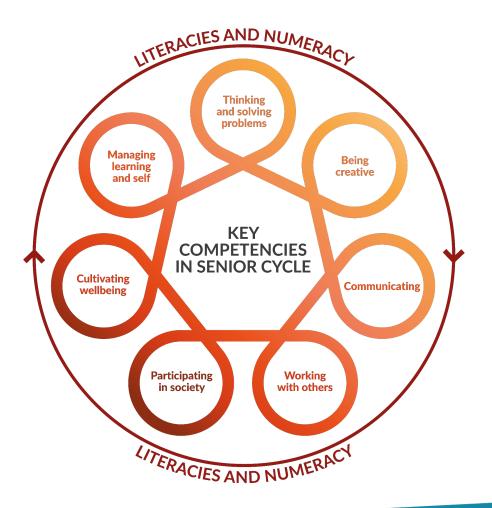
Making the Learning Visible



TY Student Dimensions

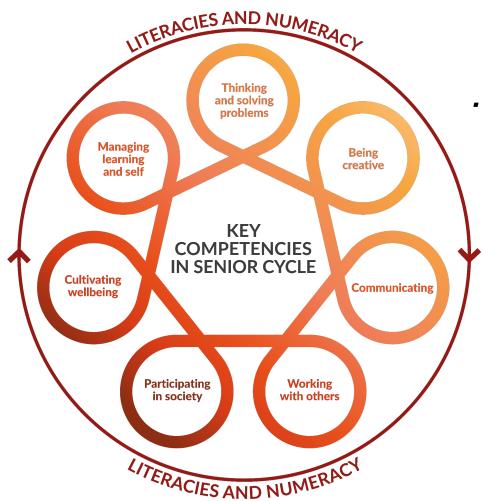


...interlock in such a way that they intersect with the seven key competencies of senior cycle



Senior Cycle Key Competencies Introduction



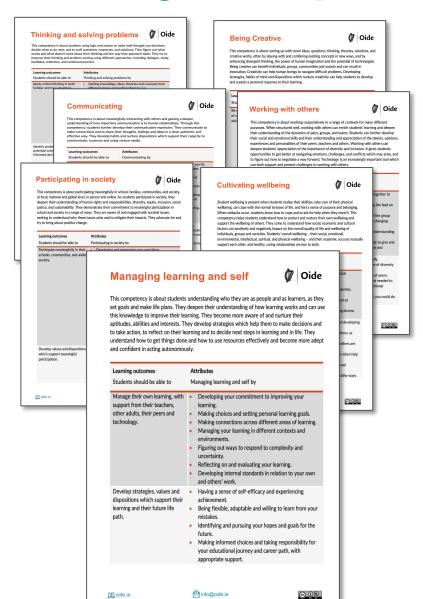


...replace the existing key skills of senior cycle

...come to life through the learning experiences and pedagogies teachers choose and through students' responses to them.

SC Key Competencies - An Introduction





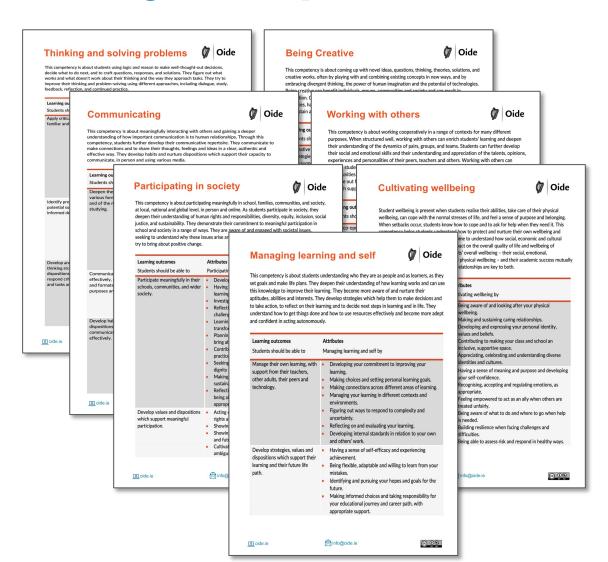
Each competency has an introductory description, followed by the over-arching learning outcomes and the associated attributes.

The attributes help to make the competency clearer by setting out how the student will develop and apply the learning.

It is unlikely that any one individual will develop all of the attributes equally.

SC Key Competencies - An Introduction





Select one of the seven
SC Key Competencies and
identify how this competency
might come to life in your
music classroom

Music of ADVENTURE





Possible School Context

- design and perform an annual musical in TY
- Music is offered as a subject at Junior Cycle
- JC Artistic Performance Short Course completed by many students



Student Context

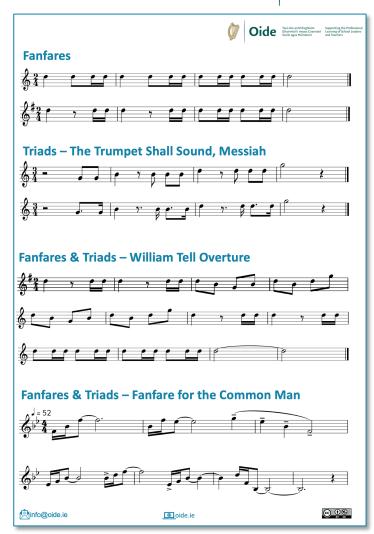
Consider your students as we progress through this learning

Music of Adventure



- 1.2 create and present a short piece of music, using instruments and/or other sounds in response to a stimulus
- 1.11 illustrate the structure of a piece of music through a physical or visual representation
- 1.12 indicate where chord changes occur in extracts from a selection of songs
- 2.9 distinguish between the sonorities, ranges and timbres of selections of instruments and voices; identify how these sounds are produced and proposed their strengths and limitations in performance
- 2.5 prepare and rehearse a musical work for an ensemble focusing on co-operation and listening for balance and intonation; refine the interpretation by considering elements such as clarity, fluency, musical effect and style
- **3.5** devise and perform examples of incidental music that could be used in a variety of contexts or environments

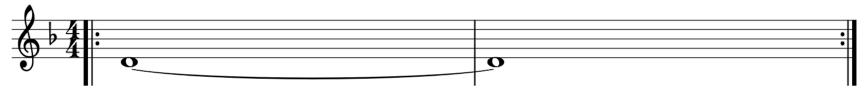
How might engaging with the learning of Fanfares and Triads support the learning at the heart of these JC learning outcomes?



Possible Learning – Creating & Performing a musical idea



Something's about to happen! = SUSPENSE



Call the Ambulance!

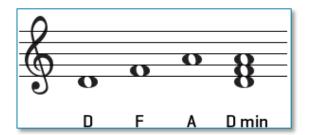


All is calm and serene



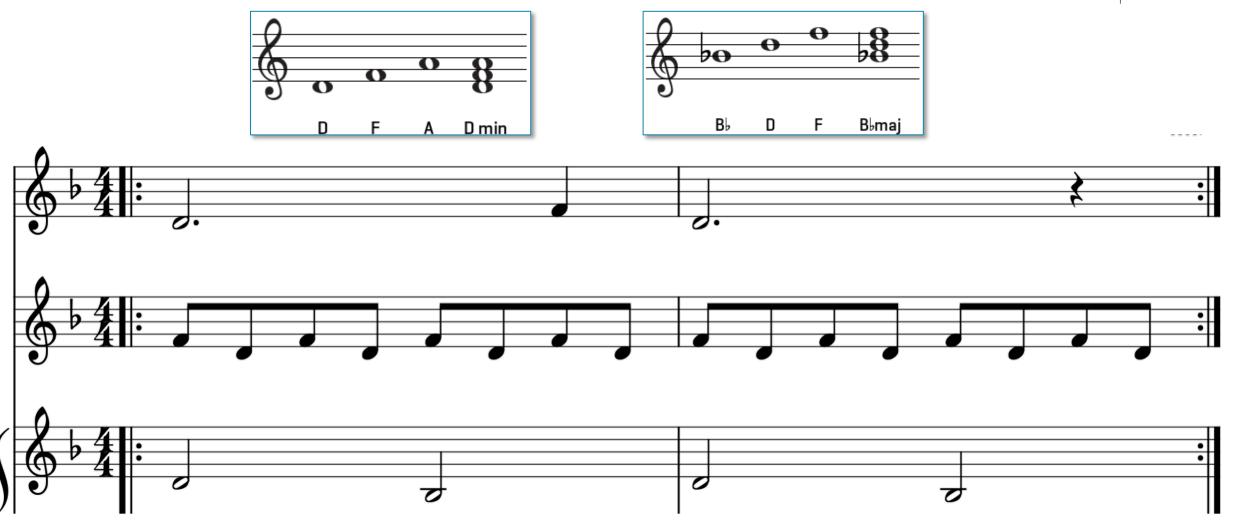
EVIDENCE OF LEARNING

Create a musical idea using this triad to illustrate a feeling



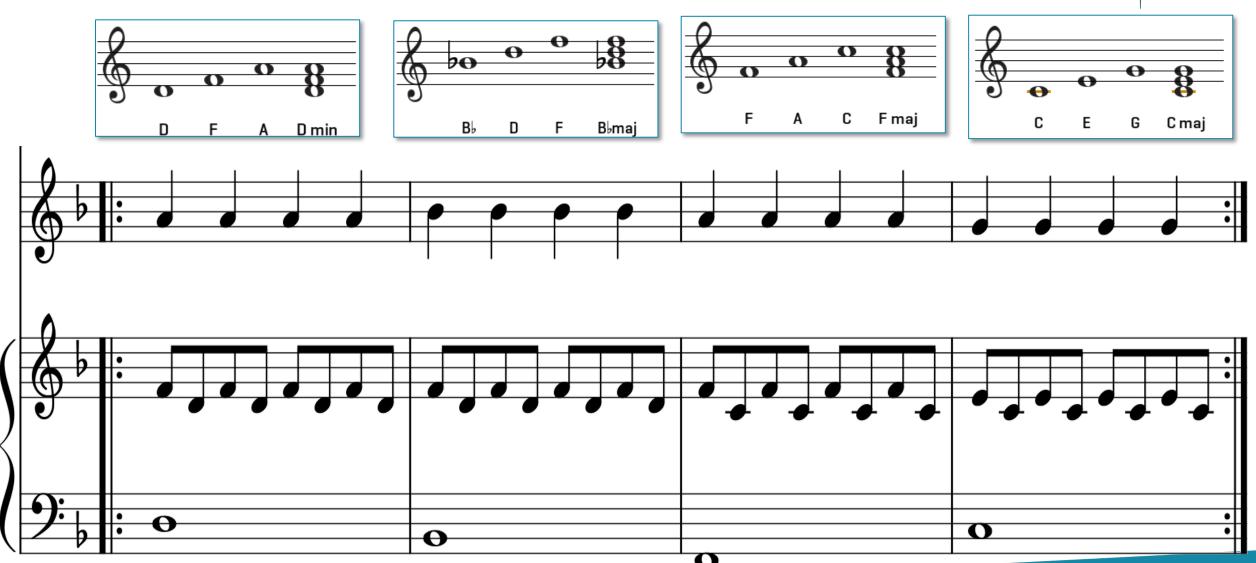
Progressing the Learning – Scared!





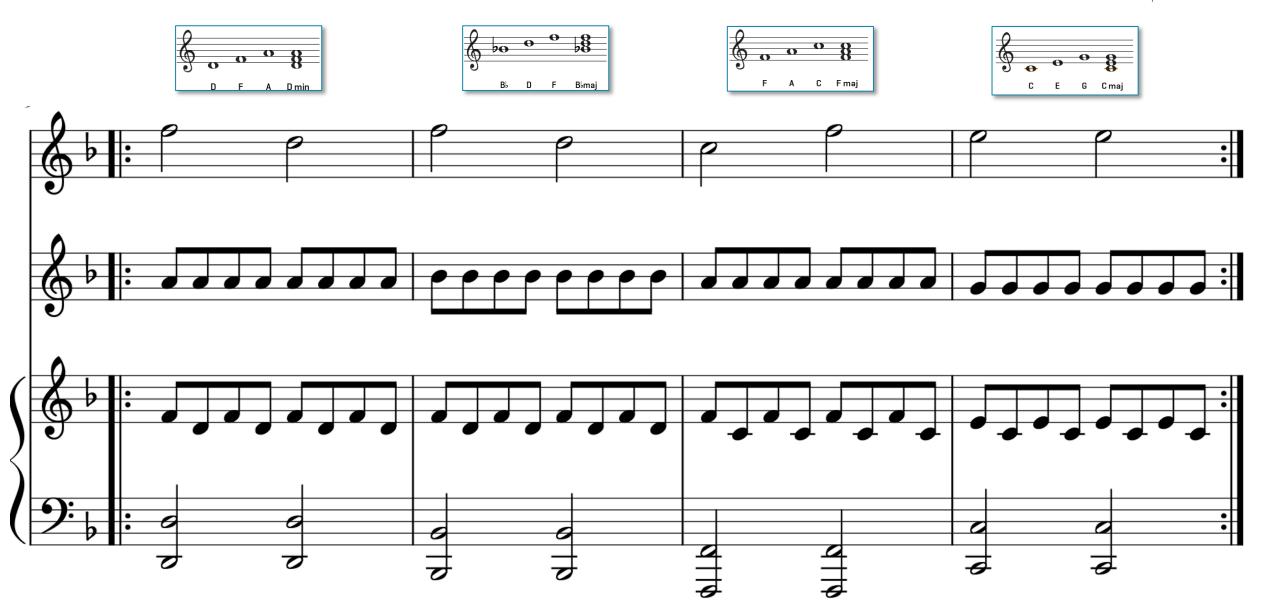
Progressing the Learning – Hopeful!





Progressing the Learning – Energetic





Consolidating and Capturing this





Possible Task:

Use your instruments and/or chosen software, work together to build a score for your trailer by organising your small musical ideas into a short piece of music



Evidencing the Learning – Music of ADVENTURE



MusicXML available on oide.ie



- Original?
- Imaginative?
- Skillful?
- Sophisticated?

Literacy and Numeracy





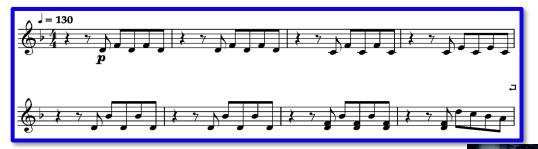




Together in your groups, place these themes in the order in which they are heard









Meeting the learning of all TY Students







Consider how these two arrangements give every student the opportunity to learn

MusicXMLs available on oide.ie

Being Inclusive



Level 2
Learning
Experiences



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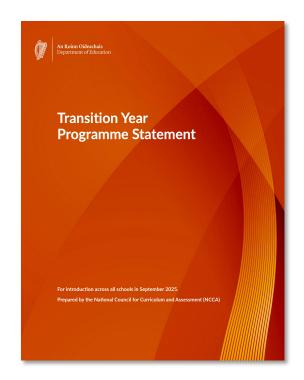
Thomas Bergersen

How might these learning experiences give every student the opportunity to learn?



Transition Year...





- is inclusive
- facilitates a sense of discovery
- reports more broadly on student learning and development
- · values the contribution each student can make



Making the Learning Visible



The transformative potential of key competencies is most likely to be realised when teachers and students analyse and discuss the competencies they are developing

Find how the Key Competencies of *Being Creative* and *Communicating* were brought to life in these learning experiences. How might this learning influence your classroom practice?

Music of SPORT





Possible School Context

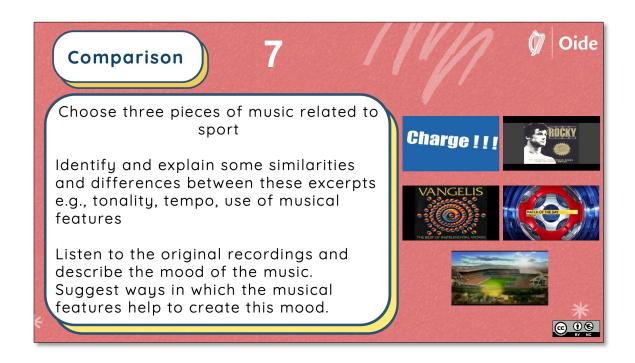
- A strong sporting tradition in the local area
- A new school that is running initiatives for students to create a school anthem, jersey designs for different teams and a school emblem



Consider your students as we progress through this learning

Music of Sport – Skill of Comparison

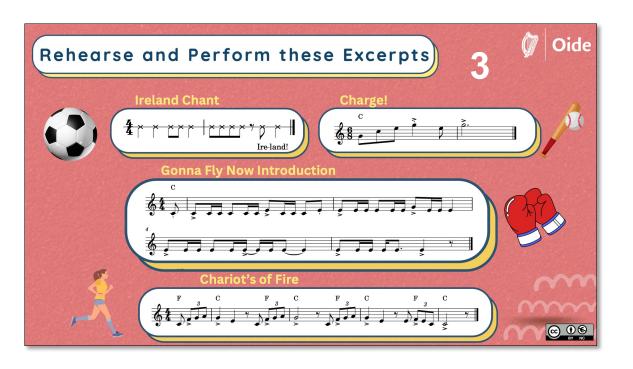




How might this learning experience develop students' ability to come to informed, clear and coherent conclusions?

Progressing the Learning - Literacy

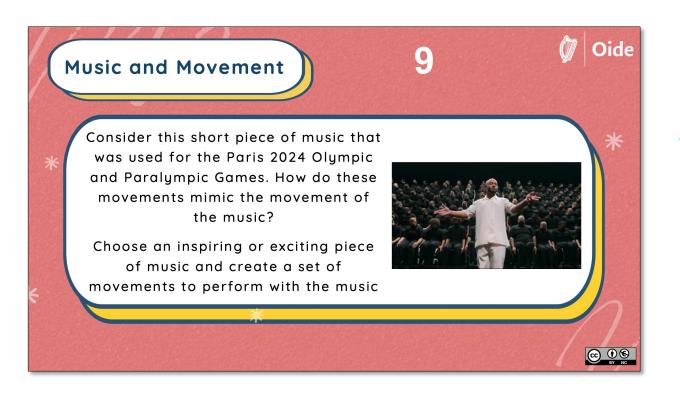




How might this learning deepen students' understanding and enjoyment of symbols, language and sound and support them in setting personal learning goals?

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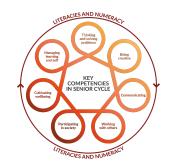


How might this engagement support students turning the ingredients of music into actions, performances and creative works?

Music of Sport – Quality Learning Experiences Oide



How might these learning experiences motivate students to learn and expand their comfort zone?



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Music of CHANGE





Possible School Context

- One module repeated 3 times
- Mandatory for all students
- Theme is set by TY team and will be engaged with across the curriculum

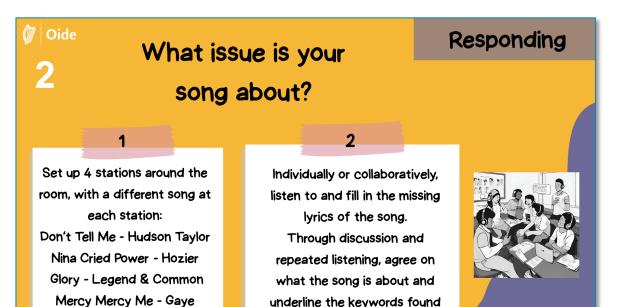


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Music of CHANGE - Cross Curricular Theme

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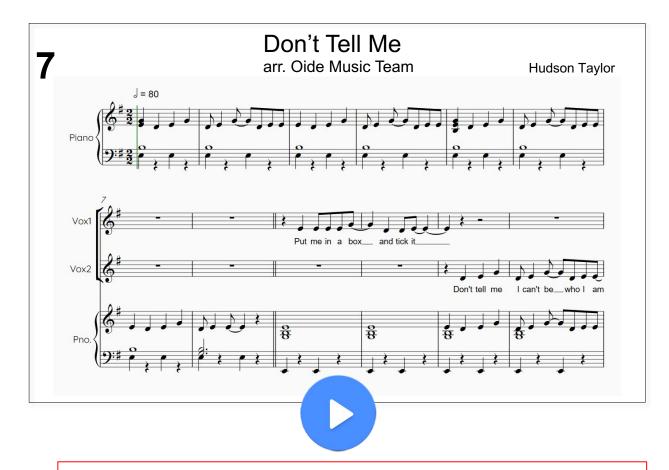
in the lyrics.

How might this learning experience deepen students' understanding of human rights, diversity and sustainability both inside and outside the classroom?



Music of CHANGE - Composing & Performing





Using this backing video score, add your verse to this song. Perform your version.

How might this task enable students to communicate meaningfully?

MusicXML available on oide.ie

Music of CHANGE - Innovative and Creative



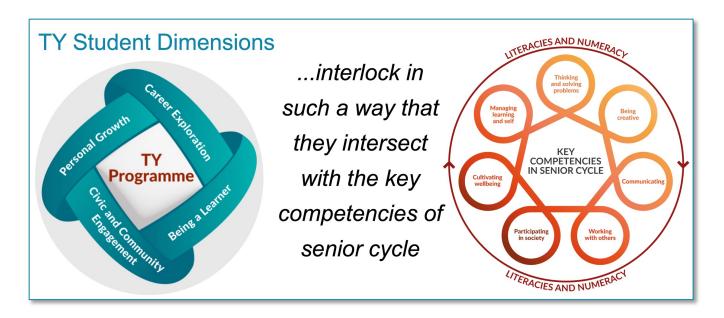
Digital Learning Technology



Interrogate how this learning experience might stimulate critical thinking and support your students in increasing their capacity for self-regulated learning

Music of CHANGE







Describe how the student dimensions intersect with the senior cycle key competencies through the learning experiences in the Music of CHANGE.





New TY Music Module?

Reflecting on all our conversations today and the audit of your current TY Music learning from earlier, what might your TY Music Module 2025 include?

Share one action you might take on your return to school.

Consolidating the Learning, we...



- explored the newly published TY Programme Statement 2024 through investigating a possible 10-lesson module for TY Music
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Supporting the Professional Learning of School Leaders and Teachers

Thank you for your engagement!

Professional Learning Experiences 2024 –2025

