



# Knowledge Organiser



## Knowledge Organiser Key Stage 3

Subject: MUSIC

Year: 7

Topic Title: MUSIC AND MEANING

### Lesson 3 – Music and Meaning – Articulation and Dynamics

#### Key Facts from this lesson

Expression can help give music meaning. **Articulation** describes the way a note is played. When we change the way a note is played, it can change the feeling of a piece of music. For example, if the same melody was played **staccato** and then **legato** it would sound different.

A **staccato** melody can sound bouncy and animated

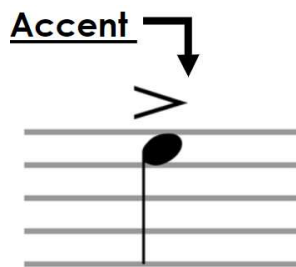
A **legato** melody can sound peaceful and gentle

An **accented** melody can sound grand or aggressive.

#### Key words and definitions from this lesson:

- ★ **Articulation** – the way a note is played
- ★ **Accent** – adding emphasis to a note
- ★ **Staccato** – playing a note detached (short)
- ★ **Legato** – playing a phrase smoothly
- ★ **Dynamics** – how loud or quiet a piece of music is
- ★ **Forte** – a loud dynamic level
- ★ **Piano** – a quiet dynamic level

#### Diagrams/ Maps/ illustration to help with learning



<u>Dynamic Markings</u>		
<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<i><b>f</b></i>	Forte	Loud
<i><b>mf</b></i>	Mezzo Forte	Medium Loud
<i><b>mp</b></i>	Mezzo Piano	Medium Soft
<i><b>p</b></i>	Piano	Soft