



# Knowledge Organiser



## Knowledge Organiser Key Stage 3

Subject: MUSIC

Year: 7

Topic Title: ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

### Lesson 6 – Elements of Music – Performance and Expression

#### Key Facts from this lesson

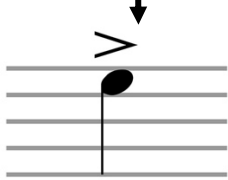
Expression is important in music as it adds interest to the performance. Expression in music is comparable to reading with emotion. Without expression music can appear dull and lifeless. An example of expression would be increasing in volume when you reach the climax of a song. When you sing a song you will naturally sing with expression. Every slight increase in volume or pause for breath is an example of expression.

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

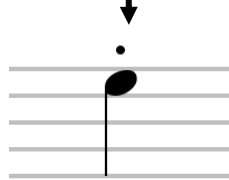
- ★ **Crescendo** - A slow increase in volume
- ★ **Diminuendo** – A slow decrease in volume
- ★ **Articulation** – How a note is played
- ★ **Accent** – Places emphasis on this note
- ★ **Staccato** – To play a note short and sharply

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

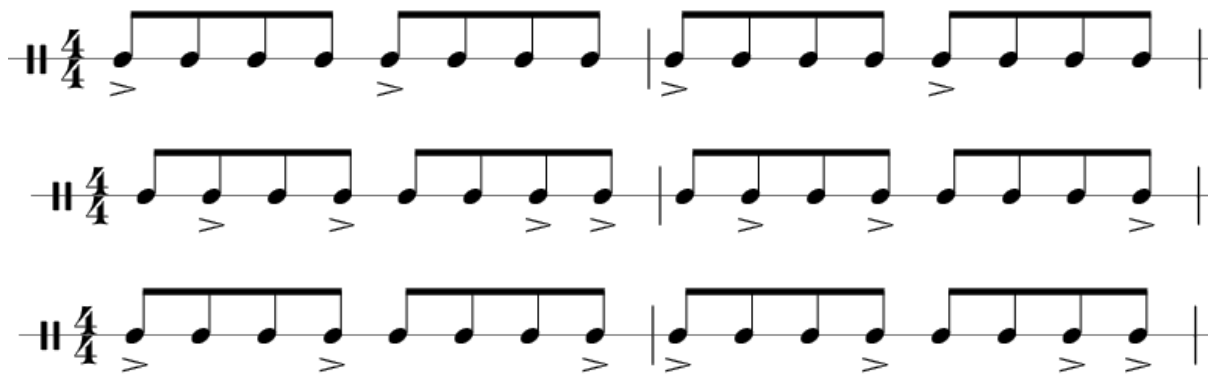
##### Accent



##### Staccato



##### Score with expression markings



##### Ode to Joy



#### Potential misconceptions to avoid / errors students often make

When getting louder it is often tempting to get faster. Make sure that you keep a steady pulse and play at the same tempo with performing with expression.