

# Y7 THE ELEMENTS OF MUSIC



# AND THE GRAPHIC SCORE



"It is cruel, you know, that music should be so beautiful. It has the beauty of loneliness of pain: of strength and freedom. The beauty of disappointment and never-satisfied love."

*Benjamin Britten*

## KEY VOCABULARY

**Music** - a series of organised sounds usually containing notes and a rhythm

**Sound** - a series of vibrations

**Rhythm** - a pattern of different beats

**Pitch** - high and low notes

**Tempo** - fast or slow

**Structure** - the distance between 2 notes

**Dynamics** - loud and quiet

**Duration** - the length of a note

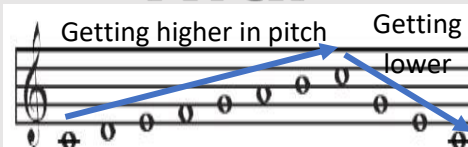
**Timbre** - the different sounds an instrument makes

**Texture** - how many parts are playing

**Graphic Score** - music written in pictures

## THE ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

### PITCH

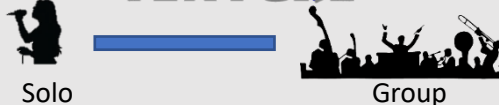


### TIMBRE



All of these instruments make a different sound

### TEXTURE



## GRAPHIC SCORE

This is where music is written in pictures and symbols rather than notes.

E.g.

Graphic score A



Graphic score B



Graphic score C



Graphic score D



Graphic score E



Think about what each of these graphic patterns could represent. Each time you play one, it will be different to the last

## WIDER LISTENING

'Dawn Interlude' from Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten

'Peter and Wolf' by Benjamin Britten

Disney's 'Fantasia'

### EXAMPLE OF A GRAPHIC SCORE

