Year 10 Music

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) – a piece of software that allows you to sequence and record live sound and/or MIDI instruments. Virtual Instrument Track – MIDI track to recorded or edit MIDI sounds. Audio Track – Live sound track to loads loops or record live audio from microphones or guitars Metronome – click to help you keep time when recording. Loops/samples – pre-recorded musical ideas in a library. Regions/clips – coloured areas that hold musical information. Piano roll/step input – editing window which enables editing of MIDI events.	Note duration – length of note, Note position - placement of pitch and rhythm, Note velocity – volume of each note. Quantisation – moving notes to set beat positions. Looping – repeating musical regions/clips for set amounts of time. BPM – speed of the track in beats per minute. Balance – the balance of signals for each track to achieve a balanced sound in the overall song. Panning – the control of signal to each side in the stereo mix (left and right ear). Mixer – a control surface with multiple inputs for live instruments with settings such as balance and pan.	Mixing – process of adding effects and then pan and balance the song. Effects – selections from a library of effects to help enhance a piece of music. Mastering – process to export the final recording with some small tweaks. Mix down – process of exporting the song to a given format, MP3, WAV or similar. Live Sound Technician – someone who deals with the sound at live events or on the fly in recording studios Roadie – someone who works on tour moving equipment in and out of venues. Instrument Technician – someone who looks after instruments for artists/performers.
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Musician –plays an instrument or sings. Composer/Song Writer –writes songs for themselves or others to perform/record. Record Producer –makes songs/albums with artists in a studio. Conductor –helps direct an ensemble of musicians. Artistic Manager –could potentially manage every part of an artist's professional life. Venue Manager –organises people who work in venues. Studio Manager –organises people who work in studios. Promoter – someone who will promote someone's work.	Marketer – someone who can work with people to create a brand and strategy to sell that brand. A&R (artist and repertoire) – someone who finds artists for record labels, they can also help manage the artist. Sound Engineer – someone who helps to manipulate sound in particular spaces and has a lot of knowledge about live sound. Session Musician – someone who performs with a variety of different artists and doesn't belong to a set band/artist. Mastering Engineer – someone who works to create the finished product after it's been recorded in the studio.	Manufacturer – someone who creates CDs and other things like merchandise. Music Journalist/Blogger – someone who writes reviews on all things in music, from new guitars to new bands. Broadcaster – someone who works to get the music product out on a network (TV, radio, internet). Software Programmer/App Developer – someone who works to create musical software for the music industry. DJ – someone who plays artist's music, either on radio or at live events. Retailer – someone who stocks CDs or merchandise.

Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
Distributer – the movement of goods (CDs) from the source through a distribution channel (iTunes, HMV) right up to the customer. Full Time – work that requires you to be there for a set time, you get privileges like sick pay and holiday pay. Part Time – same as full time but reduced hours. Freelance/Self employed – you get work for yourself, often well paid but doesn't have the privilege of sick pay or holiday pay Large Venues – huge stadiums or sport grounds that seat up to 100,000. Small Venues – bars, pubs and clubs that seat numbers in the low thousands or hundreds.	Recording Companies/Record Labels – Large multinational organisations that make albums/songs/records. Music Publishing – artists publish work in written form using these organisations. Self Publishing – when an artist publishes their own work. PR and Marketing Companies – companies that help create a brand and image for an artist. Hire and Transport Companies – companies that provide equipment for lighting, sound, other amenities like loo facilities and catering, and companies that move this stuff around and transport it.	Agencies – companies that work for musicians and provide advice and protection. Unions – large organisations set up to protect works right in the music industry. Trade Bodies – large organisations that are created and funded by its members to work for the rights of the people within that body. Health, Safety and Security – Laws and regulations that venues must follow to help keep their employees and customers safe. Major Labels – Universal or Sony are examples. Big sponsored record labels. Independent Labels – Smaller and self-funded record labels.
Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Music Publishing: Major publishing company: Advantages: Distribution (increases sales), quality of design, marketing and promotion, payment Disadvantages: Usually need to go through an agent, harder to have music published when the company is large, more editing to your original work Self-publishing (online): Advantages: Don't need to go through an agent (you can send your work directly to them), you are more in control with the editing process, can be a stepping stone to a larger company, may cater to a specific genre that is different. Disadvantages: Less marketing & promotion, less pay, not the same	SERVICE COMPANIES & AGENCIES Hire companies: 3 reasons why an artist would hire the following: Sound & lighting equipment 1. Technical expertise. 2. Quality of equipment 3. Engineer to take care of sound/lights so that the artist can focus on the music Rehearsal & studio space 1. To record a single with best quality equipment possible 2. Excellent acoustics for rehearsal 3. To perform to a small audience/ community event	Full-Time –Contract includes pension, paid holidays, sick time. Will usually be long-term Part-Time – A contract but not full-time. Freelance –Not committed to a particular employer long-term. No long-term contract Self-Employed – Working for yourself rather than for someone else Permanent v Casual – Permanent offers guaranteed work job security. Casual is not secure and varies according to the work on offer, but it does give flexibility to organise your time Tax – Fee payable to the government based on your wages. Employers do this for you. Self-employed workers have to submit their financial dealings each year and pay the appropriate amount of money.