

FILM MUSIC

When Music lessons formally start for Year 8, our area of study is Film Music. Within this you will be working on a wide range of tasks linked to the four main aims of music in film.



Our musician for the month in September is Michael Nyman. He is a famous English Composer, who has created a number of pieces, some of these have been used in a variety of films. Nyman composes in a 'minimalist' style which means that his pieces are based on simple patterns which are repeated and change gradually throughout the piece. Essentially though, a 5-minute piece of music could be based on 7 notes.

Task:

Create a minimalist composition that is based on one simple pattern. It can be performed on any instrument or written using any musical software.

To be successful:

- Complete a composition that is a minimum of 2 minutes in length.
- Research the minimalist style by listening to pieces of music and reading about the techniques used – be prepared to explain some of these.
- Write a paragraph in your enrichment book detailing the composition process that you were involved in and notate your original 'pattern' on which the whole piece stems from.
- Perform your piece of music or present Mrs Fisher with a recording of it (that can be taken from software with midi-sounds).