Spelling list: GCSE Music Triumphant Music

These are words we learned in the first unit of work.

major	Music in a major key sounds bright and cheerful.
fanfare	The trumpets sounded a fanfare .
ascending	An ascending melody or pattern is one which goes up in pitch.
disjunct	A disjunct melody uses large intervals between notes.
dotted	A dotted rhythm is where the rhythm is divided into a long first note and a short second note.
triplet	A triplet rhythm is where you play three notes in the space of two.
monophony	Monophony is a texture in music where there is only one part playing.
accompaniment	In music, most textures are melody and accompaniment , especially in songs.
cappella	An a cappella texture in music is where you have singers but no instruments.
harmony	They sang in harmony .
cadence	A cadence in music is like punctuation in English; it creates pauses and full stops.
perfect	A perfect cadence in music is when you can hear that the music is finished.
imperfect	An imperfect cadence in music is a pause but you can tell the music isn't finished.
plagal	The plagal cadence in music is also known as the amen cadence.
modulate	When music changes keys it is said to have modulated.
primary	The primary chords in a key are 1, 4 and 5; in a major key these chords are major.

secondary	The secondary chords in a key are 2, 3 and 6; in a major key these chords are minor.
relative	All major keys have their relative minor, and all minors have their relative major.
minor	Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata' is sombre because it is in a minor key.