Spelling list: GCSE Music: Harmony and Tonality 1

Key words for GCSE Music

sustained A **sustained** note is a note that is held.

bass A **bass** instrument is one that plays at the lowest pitch range.

progression A succession of chords is called a chord **progression**.

Combination is the bringing together of different musical instruments or combination

ideas.

A **clash** is when notes that sound bad together are combined to create a clash

tense effect.

pedal A **pedal** note is held or repeated in the bass.

major The word **major** is used to classify chords, intervals, and keys.

The word **minor** is used to classify chords, intervals, and scales with a minor

flattened third.

chord A group of notes played at the same time is called a **chord** .

triad A **triad** is a chord made up of three notes.

seventh A **seventh** chord is a group of four notes played at the same time.

inversion A chord **inversion** is when the lowest note in a chord isn't the root.

If a group of sounds is described as **consonant**, it means they sound

pleasing together.

If a group of sounds is described as **dissonant**, it means they sound tense dissonant

and unresolved together.

consonant