MUSIC FOR LEARNING

Emotional state governs the way we learn and music can modify the emotional state.

Here is a list of pieces of music that may improve the atmosphere for learning.

Music to energise learners

Bombolero	Gipsy Kings
Brandenburg Concerto # 1 1 st Movement	J S Bach
Carmine Burana – O Fortuna	Carl Off
Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah	Handel
Pomp and Circumstance # 1 Op 39	Edward Elgar
The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
The Four Seasons – Concerto #4 in F Minor (Winter)	Vivaldi
William Tell Overture	Rossini

Music to introduce a new topic

Symphony #5 in E Minor – Allegro con brio	Beethoven
Brindisi from La Traviata – Libiano ne lieti calici	Verdi
Montagues and Capulets from Romeo and Juliet	Prokofiev
Trumpet Voluntary	Jeremiah Clarke
Going Home from Local Hero	Mark Knopfler

Music to inspire feeling

Introduction and Allegro for strings Op 47	Elgar
Robinson Crusoe	Art of Noise
Eve of the War (from War of the Worlds)	Jeff Wayne
Robin the Hooded Man	Clannad
What a Wonderful World	Louis Armstrong
Simply the Best	Tina Turner
Let's Work Together	Canned Heat
Stand By Me	Ben E King
Heal the World	Michael Jackson
Chariots of Fire	Vangelis
Fanfare for the Common Man	Copeland
We Will Rock You	Queen
Thus Sprake Zarathustra (Theme from 2001: A Space Odyssey)	Strauss

Music to have as background to control noise levels

Tubular Bells	Mike Oldfield
Gymnopedies	Eric Satie
Love Theme from Blade Runner	Vangelis
Equinoxe Pt 4	Jean Michel Jarre
Play Dead	Bjork

Music to relax and de-stress

Clair de Lune	Debussy
Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini	Rachmaninov
Schindler's List	John Williams
Concerto for Flute and harp in Il Andantino	Mozart
Theme from The Deerhunter	John Williams
New World Symphony	Dvorak

Music to set time limits and have fun with

Countdown passage from TV programme (30 seconds)	TV theme
Waltz #6 in D Flat (The 'minute waltz' (1:39)	Chopin
Bolero (conclusion) (5:26)	Bolero
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik – Allegro (5:48)	Mozart
Rawhide from Blues Brothers Soundtrack	Blues Brothers
Mission Impossible Theme	Handel
William Tell Overture	Rossini
Hallelujah Chorus	Mozart
Jaws theme	Soundtrack Jaws
Star Wars	Soundtrack Star Wars
Meet the Flintstones	TV theme

Music for learning (induces Alpha state in brain waves)

Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major	Mozart
Adagio from Violin Concerto Opus 12 #1 Interlude 5	Vivaldi
Adagio from Violin Concerto Opus 12 #1 Movement 3	Schubert
Allegro assai from Violin Concerto #2	J S Bach

Music for Concentration and Creativity

Violin Concertos #1 and #3	Mendelssohn
Watermark	Enya

For More sources:

Accelerated Learning in Practice	Alistair Smith Network Educational Press Ltd
Music and Learning	Chris Brewer (1995)
Beat it and Beat it 2 CD's Sound Health CD's: Music for Concentration Music to De-stress	Alistair Smith (Alite)

Music for Learning Music for Inspiration Music to Relax Music for Thinking Music for Productivity Music for Motivation ABT Music

Why not experiment for yourself?

Classical pieces, world music (African and Celtic particularly) and chill-out mood CD's abound.