



Music KS5 A Level

<p>Name of Exam Board AQA</p> <p>Link to specification http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music/as-and-a-level/music-7272</p> <p>Breakdown of units/topics covered</p> <p>The Subject content is divided into three components:</p> <p>1. Appraising music</p> <p>The areas of study provide an appropriate focus for students to appraise, develop and demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of musical elements, musical contexts and musical language.</p> <p>The areas of study can also provide a rich source of material for your students to work with when developing performance and composition skills. There are seven areas of study:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Western classical tradition 1650 – 1910 (compulsory)2 Pop music3 Music for media4 Music for theatre5 Jazz6 Contemporary traditional music7 Art music since 1910.	<p>How is Appraising Music assessed?</p> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• Section A: Listening (56 marks)•• Section B: Analysis (34 marks)•• Section C: Essay (30 marks) <p>This component is 40% of A-level marks (120 marks).</p> <p>2. Performance</p> <p>Students must be able to perform music using one or both of the following ways: instrumental/vocal: as a soloist, and/or as part of an ensemble production: via music technology.</p> <p>How is Performance assessed?</p> <p>Students must perform for a minimum of ten minutes.</p> <p>This component is 35% of A-level marks (50 marks). Non-exam assessment (NEA) will be externally marked by AQA examiners.</p>
	<p>3. Composition</p> <p>Students must learn how to develop musical ideas, including extending and manipulating musical ideas, and compose music that is musically convincing through two compositions. (continued overleaf)</p>





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One must be in response to an externally set brief (Composition 1) and the other a free composition (Composition 2).

How is Composition assessed?

The combined duration of the compositions must be a **minimum of four and a half minutes**.

This component is worth 25% of A-level marks (50 marks). NEA will be externally marked by AQA examiners.

