

KEY STAGE FOUR PATHWAYS

Subject Title: **GCSE Music**

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Examination Board: **Eduqas**

Course Content

Musical language/content:

Pupils will study three components within the course: Understanding Music, Performing and Composing. These will be explored through the following Areas of Study:

AoS1: Musical Forms & Devices

AoS2: Music for Ensemble

AoS3: Film Music

AoS4: Popular Music

Over the course pupils will learn:

Perform: Solo and ensemble pieces to showcase your skills.

Compose: Create original pieces of music in a variety of genres.

Listen & Appraise: Learn how to listen to music analytically.

Learn Theory: Master notation, chords, keys, and musical devices.

Discover Context: Understand styles from Baroque to Pop and Film scores.

Be Creative: Develop independence, improvisation, and collaboration.

Think Critically: Analyse music and reflect on your own work

Assessment

Composing:

30%: Controlled Assessment
2 x compositions to be completed in school time

- 15% - a 'free' composition, based on any genre preferable (25 hours to complete in year 10, internally assessed).
- 15% - composition set to a brief released by Eduqas (25 hours to complete in year 11, internally assessed).

Understanding Music:

- 40%: 1.5 hour written examination in Year 11.
- It contains a mixture of questions on unfamiliar music, as well as questions on the 2 set pieces pupils will study throughout their course. These are, Badinerie by J.S.Bach and Africa by Toto.

Performing:

30%: Controlled Assessment (Recorded at school)

- 15% - Solo performance (Internally assessed in year 11).
- 15% - Ensemble performance (Internally assessed in year 11).

In order to be successful in this course, students must have the confidence and technical ability to perform solo on at least one instrument, this includes vocals. By year 11 you should be able to perform pieces of at least a grade 3 difficulty level.

Tiers

The scheme of assessment consists of one tier covering the entire ability range of grades 9-1

