



Music - AQA

Course Content

Component 1 - Appraising Music

What's assessed?

Listening

Analysis

Contextual understanding

How is it assessed?

Exam paper with listening and written questions using excerpts of music.

Section A: Listening (56 marks)

Section B: Analysis (34 marks)

Section C: Essay (30 marks)

This component is **40% of A Level marks** (120 marks in total)

Component 2 - Performance

What's assessed?

Music performance

How is it assessed?

Solo and/or ensemble performing as an instrumentalist, or vocalist and/or music production (via technology).

A minimum of **ten minutes** (no more than twelve minutes) of performance is required

This component is **35% of A Level marks**, 50 marks in total, externally assessed

Component 3 - Composition

What's assessed?

Composition

How is it assessed?

Composition 1: Composition to a brief (25 marks)

Composition 2: Free composition (25 marks)

A minimum of **four and a half minutes** (no more than six minutes) of music is required

This component is worth **25% of A Level marks**, 50 marks in total), externally assessed

Extra Information

This course encourages students to develop particular strengths and interests and extend the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to communicate through music, and provides access to music - related careers.