

# Music GCSE: Key Stage 4 -Components

GCSE course: Music GCSE

Assessment: 70 % Coursework, 30% Listening Paper written exam

<i>Component</i>	<i>Content overview</i>	<i>Weighting and assessment</i>
1. Understanding Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Students will learn about a range of Music these are broken into four Areas of Study: Western classical tradition 1650–1910 Popular music Traditional music Western classical tradition since 1910.</li> <li>➤ Students will answer questions on these Areas of Study in their written exam.</li> <li>➤ Students will also cover a range of Set works in the areas of study. Students will pick two set works to write an essay on in their written exam.</li> </ul>	30% <i>Written exam</i>
2. Performing Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Students will work on and perform a solo performance on their preferred instrument or voice.</li> <li>➤ Students will work on and perform an ensemble performance on their preferred instrument or voice.</li> <li>➤ Performances combined length must be equal to 4minutes or more of music.</li> </ul>	30% <i>Practical Coursework</i>
3. Composing Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develop understanding of compositional techniques.</li> <li>➤ Create and develop a free composition in the students own preferred style of music.</li> <li>➤ Create and develop a composition based on one of the exam briefs.</li> <li>➤ Students will write a programme note for each of their compositions.</li> <li>➤ Compositions combined length must be equal to 3minutes or more of music .</li> </ul>	40% <i>Coursework</i>