

Music



Route 1: Edexcel A Level Music
Route 2: BTEC Level 3 Music

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A LEVEL MUSIC (EDEXCEL) – 2 YEARS

Component 1: Performing

- A public performance of one or more pieces, performed as a recital.
- Performance can be playing or singing solo, in an ensemble, improvising, or realising music using music technology.
- The total performance time across all pieces must be a minimum of 8 minutes.
- Must be Grade 7 standard.
- 60 marks. 30% of the qualification.

Component 2: Composing

- Total of two compositions, one to a brief set by Pearson and one either free composition or also to a brief.
- One composition must be from either a list of briefs related to the areas of study, or a free composition, carrying 40 marks for this component. This composition must be at least 4 minutes in duration.
- One composition must be from a list of briefs assessing compositional technique, carrying 20 marks for this component. This composition must be at least 1 minute in duration, unless the brief specifies a longer minimum duration.
- Total time across both submissions must be a minimum of 6 minutes.
- 60 marks. 30% of the qualification.

Component 3: Appraising

- Knowledge and understanding of musical elements, contexts and language.
- Application of knowledge through the context of six areas of study, each with three set works.
 - Vocal Music
 - Instrumental Music
 - Music for Film
 - Popular Music and Jazz
 - Fusions
 - New Directions
- Application of knowledge to unfamiliar works.
- 2 hour written exam.
- 100 marks. 40 % of the qualification.



