

Music



GCSE (9-1)

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Unit 1: Integrated tasks 30%

Learners will need to perform a solo piece, and compose a piece of music that can be in any style.

- This unit links to area of study 'My Music' and can therefore be based on any style of music. Pop, Rock, Hip Hop, Classical, anything! You can also play whichever instrument you feel the strongest at, which includes your voice and use of music technology.
- Compositions are based on a brief set by the learner but can be realised through ICT (for example programmes like Sibelius and Garage Band) or through a live performance.

Unit 2: Practical Component 30%

Learners will be required to perform as part of a group, and then compose a piece of music based on a brief set by the exam board.



- The group performance can be in pairs or a whole band, as long as there is more than one person performing. This gives an opportunity for learners to collaborate with other musicians in the class and develop communication skills.
- The exam board will provide a variety of stimuli for learners to base their compositions on. This could be an image, a short story, a chord sequence or note pattern.

Unit 3: Appraising 40%

This test covers a whole range of different styles of music including:

- The Concerto Through Time: baroque, classical and romantic ensemble music
- Film Music: including music composed for film, classical music used in film, and video game music.
- Rhythms of the World: Indian, Middle Eastern, African, Caribbean and South American music.
- Conventions of Pop: pop and rock music from the 1950s to now.

