

Music Key Stage 4 Curriculum Overview



Year	Week 1				Week 39
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	Understanding Music			Understanding Music	Understanding Music
	Performing as a soloist			Area of study 3: Traditional	Area of study 3:
	Composing skills	Composing skills	Western classical	music	Traditional music
			tradition 1650–1910	Performing as an ensemble	Performing as a
			Performing as a	Area of study 2: Popular	soloist and ensemble
			soloist	music: 1960's-1970's rock	Composing skills –
			Composing skills – set	music.	free composition.
			brief practice.	Composing skills – free	,
			, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	composition	
	Understanding music:	Understanding music:	Understanding music:	Understanding music:	Understanding Music:
	 Inter-related dimensions. 	Unfamilar listening preparation.	A) Unfamiliar	Area of study 3:	 AoS3: Paul
	 Staff notations (reading and 	 Inter-related dimensions. 	listening	Traditional music	Simon:
	writing).	 Staff notations (reading and 	preparation –	(unfamiliar listening)	Graceland
	Melody:	writing).	application and	 For the purpose of 	album – the
	 conjunct, disjunct, triadic, 	Melody:	recognising the	this	following tracks:
	broken chords, scalic,	 conjunct, disjunct, triadic, 	inter-related	specification, traditio	 Graceland
_	arpeggio	broken chords, scalic,	dimensions	nal music is defined	Application of inter-
× :	passing notes	arpeggio	explored in the	as music that takes	related dimensions,
t / bo	 diatonic, chromatic 	 intervals within the octave 	first two	influences from	cultural and historical
content Know	 ostinato 	passing notes	schemes.	traditional sources	understanding of the
So.	 phrasing, articulation. 	 diatonic, chromatic 	Students must be able	including folk music	set study pieces named
Key that	Harmony	 slide/portamento, 	to listen attentively to	and reinterprets	above.
Key content (know thatKnow how)	diatonic, chromatic	ornamentation including	unfamiliar music from	them in a	Performing:
(k	consonant, dissonant	acciaccaturas,	the following	contemporary style,	 Understanding
	pedal, drone	appoggiaturas	styles/genres to identify	and traditional music	the
	identification of major,	ostinato	and accurately describe	from traditional	performance
	minor and dominant	phrasing, articulation.	musical elements, musical contexts and	sources and cultures	unit.
	seventh chords using chord	Harmony	musical language:	that is performed as	Performing and
	symbols/roman numerals. • modulation to dominant,	diatonic, chromaticconsonant, dissonant	The Coronation	intended by the	rehearsing as an
	subdominant in major or	consonant, dissonantpedal, drone	Anthems and	composer. • Students must be	ensemble in
	minor keys	pedai, di olle	Andreins and	Students must be able to listen	preparation for a mock
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- relative major or minor
- tonic major or minor.
- call and response
 Sonority (Timbre)
- instruments and voices singly and in combination as found in music, including that for solo instruments, concertos, chamber groups Texture
- harmonic/homophonic/chor dal
- polyphonic/contrapuntal
- a cappella
- monophonic/single melody line
- melody and accompaniment
- unison, octaves.

Tempo, metre and rhythm

- simple and compound time
- regular
- anacrusis
- common Italian tempo terms eg allegro, andante
- pulse
- semibreve, minim, crotchet, quaver, semiquaver
- dotted rhythms, triplets, scotch snap
- , pause
- tempo.
 Dynamics and articulation
 Gradation of dynamics as follows:
- pp, p. mp, mf, f, ff including the Italian terms

- cadences: perfect, plagal, imperfect, interrupted and tièrce de Picardie
- identification of major, minor and dominant seventh chords using chord symbols/roman numerals.
 Tonality
- major, minor, and their key signatures to four sharps and flats
- modulation to dominant, subdominant in major or minor keys
- relative major or minor
- tonic major or minor. Structure
- binary and ternary
- rondo
- arch-shape
- through-composed
- theme and variations, sonata, minuet and trio, scherzo and trio
- call and response
- ground bass, continuo
- cadenza.
 Sonority (Timbre)
- instruments and voices singly and in combination as found in music, including that for solo instruments, concertos, chamber groups
- instrumental techniques such as arco, pizzicato, con sordino.

- Oratorios of Handel.
- The Orchestra Music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.
- The piano music of Chopin and Schumann.
- The Requiem of the late Romantic period.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as a soloist in preparation for a mock performance assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

- attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:
- Blues music from 1920–1950
- Fusion music incorporating African and/or Caribbean music
- Contemporary Latin music
- Contemporary Folk music of the British Isles.
- Area of study 2:
- Popular music (unfamiliar listening)
- Students must be able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:
- Rock music from the 1960s-1970s.

- performance assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

continuing composing a free composition – students start their free composition and complete a composing logbook alongside this to reflect on their application of inter-related dimensions.

- cresc, crescendo, dim, diminuendo including hairpins
- sfz, sforzando
- common signs, terms and symbols.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as a soloist.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

How to compose a:

Rhythm, Melody

Chord progression.

Use of a DAW, scoring software and free hand composition.

Texture

- harmonic/homophonic/chor dal
- polyphonic/contrapuntal
- imitative, canonic, layered
- antiphonal
- a cappella
- monophonic/single melody line
- melody and accompaniment
- unison, octaves.
 Tempo, metre and rhythm
- simple and compound time
- regular
- anacrusis
- common Italian tempo terms eg allegro, andante
- pulse
- augmentation, diminution
- hemiola
- semibreve, minim, crotchet, quaver, semiquaver
- dotted rhythms, triplets, scotch snap
- rubato, pause
- tempo.
 Dynamics and articulation
 Gradation of dynamics as follows:
- pp, p. mp, mf, f, ff including the Italian terms
- cresc, crescendo, dim, diminuendo including hairpins
- sfz, sforzando
- common signs, terms and symbols.

Composing to a set brief practice — students select a brief to compose to. These are based on past briefs set by the exam board.

- Exploration of riffs.
- Music technology fx such as panning, reverb, distortion, delay and EQ.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as an ensemble in preparation for a mock performance assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

Composing a free composition — students start their free composition and complete a composing logbook alongside this to reflect on their application of interrelated dimensions.

		Performing:			
		 Understanding the performance unit. Performing and rehearsing as a an ensemble. Instrument techniques. Relevant notation reading. 			
		Application of assessment			
		criteria.			
		Composing: Modulations. Chord building (extended). Diatonic chords. Pentatonic scale. Use of a DAW, scoring software and free hand composition.			
	Interrelated dimensions.	How to compose a:	Listening with	Listening with increasing	Listening with
	Instrument technique (relevant to	Rhythm,	increasing	discrimination (use of	increasing
	instrument choice).	Melody	discrimination.	previous list)	discrimination (use of
	Keyboard skills.	Chord progression.	How to approach	How to approach composing	previous list)
a	Standard notation – bass and treble clef.	Use of a DAW, scoring software and	composing to a set brief.	a free composition.	How to approach
Prior Knowledge	ciei.	free hand composition. Interrelated dimensions.	Application of inter-	Application of inter-related dimensions.	composing a free composition.
lwor		Instrument technique (relevant to	related dimensions.	Recognising inter-related	Application of inter-
r Kr		instrument choice).	Recognising inter-	dimensions.	related dimensions.
Prio		Keyboard skills.	related dimensions.	Instrument techniques.	Recognising inter-
		Standard notation – bass and treble	Instrument techniques.	Standard/ other relevant	related dimensions.
		clef.	Standard/ other	notation reading.	Instrument techniques.
		Listening with increasing	relevant notation		Standard/ other
		discrimination.	reading.		relevant notation
					reading.

GCSE Assessment Objectives	 AO1: Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation. AO2: Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence. AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge. AO4: Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgements about music. 	 AO1: Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation. AO2: Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence. AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge. AO4: Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgements about music. 	 AO1: Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation. AO2: Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence. AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge. AO4: Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgements about music. 	 AO1: Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation. AO2: Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence. AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge. AO4: Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgements about music. 	 AO1: Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation. AO2: Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence. AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge. AO4: Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgements about music.
Assessments	 Culminating Assessment: End-of-Unit Exam Theoretical Mastery: Rigorous questions on musical elements, historical contexts, and cultural influences. Practical Application (Ongoing): 	 Part 1: Unfamiliar Listening Preparation Exemplar summative assessment through the Understanding Music exam style questions: Listen to a piece of music that you have not encountered before. Identify and describe at 	Composition Challenge: Synthesize theoretical principles into a creative composition. Cultural and Historical Analysis:	Composition Challenge: Synthesize theoretical principles into a creative composition. Cultural and Historical Analysis: Essays on the impact of cultures and	Composition Challenge: Synthesize theoretical principles into a creative composition. Cultural and Historical Analysis:

- Real-world scenarios, emphasizing ensemble performance and expressive interpretation.
 - **Composition Challenge:**
- Synthesize theoretical principles into a creative composition.
 Cultural and Historical Analysis:
 - Interdisciplinary Connections:
- Numeracy skills integrated for quantitative musical analysis.
 Integrated Literacy:
- Clear and nuanced written responses, fostering literacy skills.

Assessment Criteria:

- Holistic evaluation considering accuracy, creativity, and practical application.
 Feedback:
 - Feedback:
- Detailed feedback guides ongoing improvement.
 Purpose:
- Capstone assessment reflecting comprehensive understanding and application in "Understanding Music."

- least three inter-related dimensions present in the composition.
- Analyse a short musical passage in staff notation. Explain the significance of the notation in conveying the musical elements and structure.
- Part 2: Melody
- Choose a musical piece and identify examples of conjunct, disjunct, triadic, and broken chord melodies.
 Explain how these elements contribute to the overall character of the piece.
- Explore a specific interval within the octave. Provide examples from different musical compositions and discuss the emotional or aesthetic impact of these intervals.
- Part 3: Harmony
- Analyse a musical passage to identify instances of diatonic and chromatic harmony. Discuss how the use of consonant and dissonant harmonies contributes to the mood of the piece.
- Select a piece with pedal or drone elements. Explain the role of pedal and drone in

Practical Application (Ongoing):

- Real-world scenarios, emphasizing ensemble performance and expressive interpretation.
 - Part 2: Unfamiliar listening preparation listening assessment for unfamiliar pieces that explores analysis of short musical passages. Analyse using **DRCSMITTH** through exam style questions (see previous topic for exam style questions please note they will be in a different context (AoS1 Unfamiliar listening – Western classical

compositions.

Practical Application
(Ongoing):

history on specific

- Real-world scenarios, emphasizing ensemble performance and expressive interpretation.
- Understanding
 Music: Unfamiliar
 listening preparation
 listening
 assessment for
 unfamiliar pieces that
 explores analysis of
 short musical
 passages. Analyse
 using DRCSMITTH for
 Traditional Music and
 Popular music
 through exam style
 questions.
- Essays on the impact of cultures and history on specific compositions.
 Practical Application (Ongoing):
- Real-world scenarios, emphasizing ensemble performance and expressive interpretation.
- Understanding Music: Set text preparation – 8 mark exam question approach – formative and class based.
- Summative assessment – 8 mark exam based question on the musical, cultural and historical knowledge of 'Graceland'.

creating tension or stability	tradition 1650-	
in the harmonic structure.	1910.	
• Part 4: Tonality		
Examine a musical		
composition and identify		
key signatures with up to		
four sharps or flats. Discuss		
how these key signatures		
influence the overall		
tonality of the piece.		
Explore a piece that		
modulates to the dominant		
or subdominant in major or		
minor keys. Explain the		
effect of modulation on the		
listener's experience.		
• Part 5: Structure		
Choose a composition and		
identify its structural form		
(e.g., binary, ternary, rondo,		
etc.). Discuss how the		
chosen structure		
contributes to the overall		
narrative of the piece.		
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 Analyse a piece featuring theme and variations, 		
sonata, minuet and trio, or		
another form. Explain the		
significance of the chosen		
form in enhancing the		
musical expression.		
Part 6: Sonority (Timbre)		
Explore a piece featuring Various instruments or		
various instruments or		
voices. Discuss how the		
combination of		
instruments/voices		

contributes to the overall timbre and emotional impact of the composition. Investigate instrumental techniques such as arco, pizzicato, and con sordino in a specific musical work. Explain how these techniques affect the sonic character of the piece. Part 7: Texture Analyse a musical passage to identify examples of	
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Analyse a musical passage	
to identify examples of	
harmonic, polyphonic, and	
monophonic textures.	
Discuss how these textures	
contribute to the overall	
musical experience.	
Choose a composition and	
identify instances of	
imitative, canonic, or	
layered textures. Discuss	
the role of these textures in	
creating complexity and	
interest.	
Part 8: Tempo, Metre, and	
Rhythm end of the second of th	
Identify examples of simple	
and compound time	
signatures in a piece of	
music. Discuss how these	
time signatures influence	
the rhythmic feel of the	
composition.	
Analyse a musical passage	
to identify variations in	
tempo and meter. Discuss	

have abanasa in tanana and		
how changes in tempo and		
meter contribute to the		
overall dynamic and		
expressive qualities of the		
piece.		
Composition Challenge:		
Synthesize theoretical		
principles into a creative		
composition.		
Cultural and Historical		
Analysis:		
Practical Application		
(Ongoing):		
Real-world scenarios,		
emphasizing ensemble		
performance and expressive		
interpretation.		

Year 11	Week 1 Week					
	Understanding Music Area of study 3: Traditional music Performing as a soloist Composing skills – free composition completed	Understanding Music Area of study 3: Traditional music Area of study 2: Popular music. Performing as an ensemble Composing skills —set brief.	Understanding Music Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650– 1910 Area of study 4: Western classical tradition since 1910. Performing as an ensemble Composing skills – set brief	Understanding Music Area of study 1: Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650– 1910 (compulsory) – Study piece	Revision of Understanding Music (exam preparation)	
Key content (know thatKnow how)	Understanding Music: Paul Simon: Graceland album – the following tracks: Graceland Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes You Can Call Me Al Application of inter-related dimensions, cultural and historical understanding of the set study pieces named above. Performing: Understanding the performance unit. Performing and rehearsing as an ensemble in	Area of study 3: Traditional music (unfamiliar listening) For the purpose of this specification, tradition al music is defined as music that takes influences from traditional sources including folk music and reinterprets them in a contemporary style, and traditional music from traditional sources and cultures that is performed as intended by the composer.	● A) Unfamiliar listening preparation — application and recognising the inter-related dimensions explored in the first two schemes. Students must be able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and	Understanding music: • For the purposes of this specification, the western classical tradition is defined as art music of (or growing out of) the European tradition, normally notated, and normally intended for public performance. • Listening — unfamiliar music	 Understanding music: Inter-related dimensions. Staff notations (reading and writing). Melody: conjunct, disjunct, triadic, broken chords, scalic, arpeggio passing notes diatonic, chromatic ostinato phrasing, articulation.	

- preparation for a solo assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

Continuing composing a free composition – students start their free composition and complete a composing logbook alongside this to reflect on their application of inter-related dimensions.

- Students must be able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:
- Blues music from 1920–1950
- Fusion music incorporating African and/or Caribbean music
- Contemporary Latin music
- Contemporary Folk music of the British Isles.

Area of study 2: Popular music

For the purpose of this specification, popular music is defined as mainstream music including a number of musical styles and genres including rock, pop, musical theatre, film and computer gaming music from 1950 to the present.

Listening – unfamiliar music

- The Coronation Anthems and Oratorios of Handel.
- The Orchestra Music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.
- The piano music of Chopin and Schumann.
- The Requiem of the late Romantic period.

Area of study 4: Western classical tradition since 1910

For the purpose of this specification, western classical tradition since 1910 is defined as music that comprises modern, contemporary classical music, experimental and minimalist music as well as other forms. Listening – unfamiliar music Students must be able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:

- able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:
- Study piece
- Mozart Clarinet
 Concerto in A
 major, K. 622,
 3rd movement,
 Rondo (first
 taught 2020, first
 assessed 2022,
 assessed until
 N/A).

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as an ensemble in preparation for summative

- modulation to dominant, subdominant in major or minor keys
- relative major or minor
- tonic major or minor.
- call and response Sonority (Timbre)
- instruments and voices singly and in combination as found in music, including that for solo instruments, concertos, chamber groups
 Texture
- harmonic/homophonic/chord al
- polyphonic/contrapuntal
- a cappella
- monophonic/single melody line
- melody and accompaniment
- unison, octaves.
 Tempo, metre and rhythm
- simple and compound time
- regular
- anacrusis
- common Italian tempo terms eg allegro, andante
- pulse
- semibreve, minim, crotchet, quaver, semiquaver
- dotted rhythms, triplets, scotch snap
- , pause
- tempo.

Students must be able to listen attentively to unfamiliar music from the following styles/genres to identify and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and musical language:

- music of Broadway 1950s to 1990s
- rock music of 1960s and 1970s
- film and computer gaming music 1990s to present
- pop music 1990s to present.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as an ensemble in preparation for a performance assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

- The orchestral music of Copland
- British music of Arnold, Britten, Maxwell-Davies and Tayener
- The orchestral music of Zoltán Kodály and Béla Bartók
- Minimalist music of John Adams, Steve Reich and Terry Riley.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as a soloist in preparation for a mock performance assessment.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

- assessment of ensemble.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

Composing to a set brief – continued to be finalised for summative assessment.

- Dynamics and articulation Gradation of dynamics as follows:
- pp, p. mp, mf, f, ff including the Italian terms
- cresc, crescendo, dim, diminuendo including hairpins
- sfz, sforzando
- common signs, terms and symbols.

Performing:

- Understanding the performance unit.
- Performing and rehearsing as a soloist.
- Instrument techniques.
- Relevant notation reading.
- Application of assessment criteria.

Composing:

How to compose a: Rhythm, Melody Chord progression. Use of a DAW, scoring software and free hand composition.

		Composing a free composition – students start their set brief composition and complete a composing logbook alongside this to reflect on their application of inter-related dimensions.	Composing: Composing to a set brief practice - students select a brief to compose to. These are based on past briefs set by the exam board.		
Prior Knowledge	Listening with increasing discrimination (use of previous list) How to approach composing a free composition. Application of inter-related dimensions. Recognising inter-related dimensions. Instrument techniques. Standard/ other relevant notation reading.	Listening with increasing discrimination (use of previous list) How to approach composing a free composition. Application of inter-related dimensions. Recognising inter-related dimensions. Instrument techniques. Standard/ other relevant notation reading.	Listening with increasing discrimination. How to approach composing to a set brief. Application of interrelated dimensions. Recognising inter-related dimensions. Instrument techniques. Standard/ other relevant notation reading.	Listening with increasing discrimination (use of previous list) How to finalise composing a set composition. Application of interrelated dimensions. Recognising interrelated dimensions. Instrument techniques. Standard/ other relevant notation reading.	Understanding Music Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650–1910 Area of study 2: Popular music. Understanding Music Area of study 3: Traditional music Area of study 4: Western classical tradition since 1910.
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	AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical	AO3: Demonstrate and apply musical	control and coherence.	control and coherence.	AO4: Use appraising skills to
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	1. End of Unit Exam	1. End of Topic Exam	• 1. End of Topic	• 1. End of topic	Revision exam papers:
Assessments	 style questions: Comprehensive assessment covering key concepts, musical elements, and historical/cultural contexts (Graceland extended answer style questioning, Baroque and Classical era musical features (AoS1). Evaluates knowledge, understanding, and analytical skills acquired during the topic, including the 	• Culminating assessment focusing on key topics covered in the unit (AoS1: recognise Romantic era stylistic features, AoS2:popular music: music of Broadway 1950s to 1990s, film and computer gaming music 1990s to present, pop music 1990s to present musical features.)	Exam styles questions (Based on Exam Questions): Culminating assessment tailored to key unit topics and concepts (AoS 1: Western classical tradition 1650— 1910 key musical and stylistic features. AoS 4: Western classical tradition since 1910 key	exam style questions: Culminating assessment designed around key unit topics and exam-style questions. Structured in an exam format to evaluate knowledge, understanding, and application. Targets comprehensive understanding of	Students will demonstrate readiness for the exam by effectively applying their knowledge and revisiting components from all of the topics. They will also be assessed in their approach to the exam through undertaking time management strategies linked to the understanding music exam – such as 4 tick boxes and guidance on where in the question they should be in the question attempt on the 1st. 2nd, 3rd and 4th time playing. This will be formatively assessed and peer/self-

- extended answer response questions.
- Questions may include identifying musical elements, analysing compositions, and understanding historical and cultural influences.
- Targets both AO1
 (knowledge and understanding) and AO2 (application of knowledge).
- 2.
 Practical/Compositio
 n Assessment
 (Ongoing):
- Continuous evaluation of practical and compositional skills throughout the unit.
- Includes regular practical xercises, performance tasks, and composition assignments.
- Gauges the ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings.

- Exam format with questions designed to evaluate knowledge, understanding, and application.
- Covers essential concepts and theoretical aspects explored during the topic.
- Targets both foundational knowledge (AO1) and the ability to apply knowledge (AO2).
- 2. Practical and Composition
 Assessment (Ongoing -Ensemble and Set Brief):
- Continuous assessment encompassing practical and compositional skills.
- Includes participation in ensemble performances and completion of set composition briefs.
- Evaluates the application of theoretical knowledge

- musical and stylistic features.).
- Structured in exam format with questions designed to assess knowledge, understanding, and application of the features.
- Evaluates comprehension of core ideas covered during the unit.
- Targets both foundational knowledge (AO1) and the practical application of acquired knowledge (AO2).
- 2. Practical and Composition Assessment (Ongoing):
- Continuous assessment focusing on practical and compositional

- core concepts covered throughout the unit.
- Aims to assess foundational knowledge (AO1) and the practical application of acquired knowledge (AO2).
- 2. Practical and Composition Assessment (To be Finalised for Summative Assessment):
- Ongoing assessment of practical and compositional skills, set to conclude as a summative evaluation.
- Encompasses various practical tasks, ensemble performances, and composition projects.
- The final assessment will

assessment during revision-based activities.

Summative: Extended answers will be marked summative by the teacher to highlight areas to improve and make further reference to the mark scheme.

- Provides ongoing feedback to support students' progress and refinement of practical and compositional abilities.
- 3. Solo Assessment (Summative – Completed):
- Summative evaluation of individual performance skills.
- Involves students performing a solo piece on their chosen instrument or through vocal performance.
- Focuses on musical expression, technique, and interpretative skills.
- Provides a comprehensive overview of solo performance capabilities.
- 4. Composition –
 Free Composition (Completed):
- Task involving independent creation

- in practical music settings.
- Ongoing feedback supports the refinement of practical and compositional abilities.
- Provides a holistic view of students' musical proficiency and creative expression.

- skills throughout the unit.
- Encompasses
 various practical
 tasks, ensemble
 performances,
 and ongoing
 composition
 projects.
- Evaluates the ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practical music scenarios.
- Ongoing feedback aids students in refining practical and compositional abilities.
- Provides a comprehensive overview of students' musical proficiency and creative expression.

- gauge the application of theoretical knowledge in practical music scenarios.
- Pending finalisation, ongoing feedback will guide students in refining their practical and compositional abilities.
- The summative assessment aims to provide a comprehensive overview of students' musical proficiency and creative expression.

of an original		
composition.		
 Allows students to 		
showcase creativity,		
musical		
understanding, and		
compositional		
techniques.		
Encourages		
exploration of artistic		
expression within		
specified parameters.		
 Evaluation based on 		
musicality, originality,		
and adherence to		
compositional		
principles.		
Aims to foster		
creative autonomy		
and application of		
theoretical		
knowledge in a		
practical, artistic		
context.		