



OCR GCSE Music Course Requirements

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Integrated Portfolio: ✓ 1 performance on the learner's chosen instrument – 15%	Integrated Portfolio	30%
√ 1 free composition to a brief set by the learner – 15%	60 marks	of total GCSE
	Non-exam	
Linked to Area of Study 1	assessment	
Practical Component:	Practical	
✓ 1 ensemble performance – 15%✓ 1 composition to an OCR set	Component	30%
brief – 15%	60 marks	of total GCSE
Linked to Area of Study 2, 3, 4 or 5	Non-exam assessment	0 002
A written paper with a CD – 90 minutes	Listening and Appraising	4007
8 Questions in total		40 %
	80 marks	Of total
Aural recognition and context from		GCSE
music within Areas of Study 2, 3, 4 and	Written	
5	examination	
	paper	





OCR GCSE Music 3-Year Course Structure

Term	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	AOS 1: DR P SMITH	AOS 1: DR P SMITH	Listening and Appraising
Autumn 1	 Basic theory part 1 Rhythm and note duration Pitch and notes on a stave Practical Component Group performance tasks Developing ensemble skills Performance assessment 1 	Texture Melodic dictation Cadences Melodic and rhythmic development Structural devices Listening and Appraising AOS 5 – Conventions of Pop Music Integrated Portfolio Solo performance assessment 1 Practical Component Ensemble performance assessment 1	 AOS 2 – Concerto Through the Time Revision AOS 4 – Film Music incl. Video Game Revision AOS 5 – Conventions of Pop Revision AOS 3 – Bhangra Revision for Trial Exam 1 Practical Component Start Brief Composition (15%) Feedback on solo & ensemble performances from Year 10 – opportunities to resubmit by end of November; practise outside lesson time.
Autumn 2	AOS1: DR P SMITH Basic Theory part 2 Time signatures Key signatures Intervals Integrated Portfolio Developing instrumental skills Solo performance Performance assessment 2	Listening and Appraising AOS 5 – Conventions of Pop Music – Listening Paper 2 (theory assessment) Practical Component Introduction to an OCR set Brief Composition – group composition challenges (past papers) Ensemble performance assessment 1 – Continued	Listening and Appraising AOS 3 – Rhythms of the World Trial Exam 1, Nov Practical Component Final Brief Composition Submission (15%) Recorded November Opportunities to re-record solo and ensemble performances
Spring 1	AOS1: DR P SMITH	AOS1: DR P SMITH	Listening and Appraising • Exam style questions and revision of all areas of study Integrated Portfolio • Feedback on free composition from Year 10 and brief composition form Year 11 Autumn Termn – opportunities to amend this by end of March





Spring 2	Project through Areas of study AOS 2 – Concerto Through the Time (orchestra development 1600-1920) AOS 5 – Conventions of Pop Music – Listening Paper 1 (theory assessment) Solo and ensemble repertoire selection.	AOS 4: Film and Video Game Music Leitmotif Musical elements – aural and listening skills ICT Music – developing compositional skills (Part 2: melodic, rhythmic, harmonic and structural devices) Group Composition assessment 1 Performance repertoire (X 1 solo and X1 ensemble) confirmation/score preparations (30%)	Revision of all areas of study Exam style questions Trial Exam 2, March Easter revision sessions Final Coursework Submission incl. scores and declaration forms no later than 20th March: X1 solo performance (15%) X1 free composition (15%) X1 ensemble performance (15%) X1 brief composition (15%)
Summer 1	EP Project: Create your own 'EP', Performed, recorded and mixed by you 1 free composition 1 solo performance 1 ensemble performance	AOS 4: Film and Video Games Music Listening Paper 1 (theory assessment) Start *Integrated Portfolio (solo performance and free composition) Start *Practical Component (ensemble performance only) *Recordings in June – July	Controlled assessment marks submitted and all coursework uploaded to OCR Repository – 15 May Revision programme continues
Summer 2	Completion of EP Scores produced	Integrated Portfolio & Practical Component Completion of:	Appraising and Listening Listening exam 90 minutes 40% of GCSE