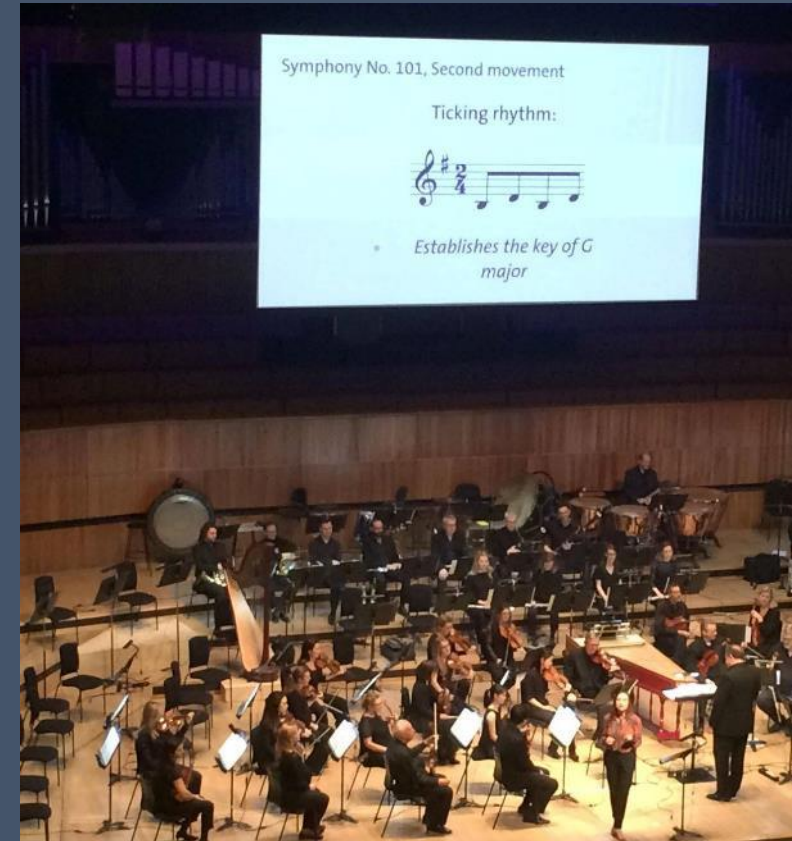


Music



Why Should I Study Music?

- **Transferable Skills** - Music is a highly academic subject in its own right, but it actually benefits other subjects too. It enhances learning skills, communication, creativity, teamwork, discipline, cultural awareness, respect for others, and self-esteem through personal accomplishment.
- Both employers and universities see creative subjects as assets – particularly Music as it's considered one of the most useful subjects for developing cross-curricular skills.
- Finally, and perhaps most importantly: students are more likely to succeed and achieve a higher grade if they study something they are good at and enjoy!



What Will I Study?

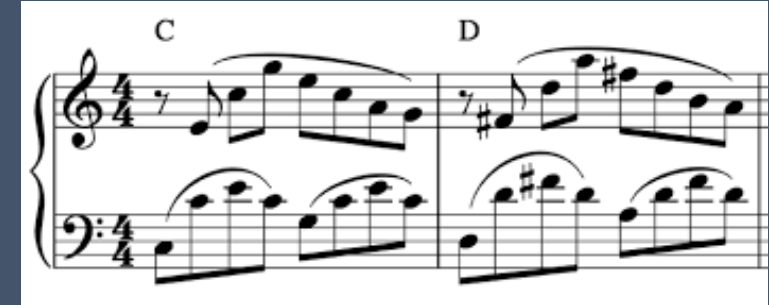


AQA GCSE Music

- Performing 30%
 - Composing 30%
 - Understanding Music 40%
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- There is one exam — the rest is coursework.

How Will I Be Assessed?

AQA GCSE



- Composing and performing – completed by end of March in Year 11
- Listening paper – 1 hour and 30 minutes sat in year 11

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Section A: Listening

Question 1: Area of study 1 Western classical tradition 1650 - 1910 19 marks

This excerpt will be played **four** times.

You may find it helpful to tick a box each time you hear the excerpt.

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This is the melody for the first part of this excerpt.

0 1 - 1 Identify the keyboard instrument used in this excerpt.

0 1 - 2 Here are four statements about the upper, right hand part played on the keyboard. Circle the correct answer to say if each of these statements is **True** or **False**.

• an ostinato pattern	True / False
• notes are in step - conjunct	True / False
• there are four notes in each group	True / False
• arpeggio shapes	True / False

0 1 - 3 On the score, fill in the missing notes in **bar 7** using the given rhythm.



What current students say about Music GCSE?

- **Why did you choose Music?** *Sounded fun, I enjoy Music*
- **What do you enjoy most about Music?** *Composing, the 'fiddle time' (practical), the theory – it's interesting*
- **What is homework like?** *Fun, it doesn't feel like homework!*
- **What surprised you about the course?** *How much listening and composing there is. Enjoying the theory bits.*
- **How does Music link to other subjects?** *Links to drama, maths and science.*
- **Do you feel supported by your teacher?** *100%, lots of feedback*
- **Would you recommend taking Music?** *Yes, definitely! But make sure you have been playing your instrument for over 3 months!*

• The orchestra music of Haydn, Mozart & Beethoven.

Describe a Classical Orchestra?

A large instrumental ensemble from different families, including bowed strings, brass instruments and woodwinds.

Such as the violin, viola, cello and double bass, brass instruments and woodwinds.

What is a concerto?

A musical composition for a solo instrument or a small group of instruments accompanied by an orchestra.

What is an overture?

A composition for an instrumental soloist, often with a piano accompaniment, typically in several movements with one or more in triple time.

What is a sonata?

An instrumental piece at the beginning of an opera.

What is a minuet?

A slow, stately ballroom dance for two in triple time.

What is ternary and rondo forms?

Ternary form - ABA
Rondo form - ABACA

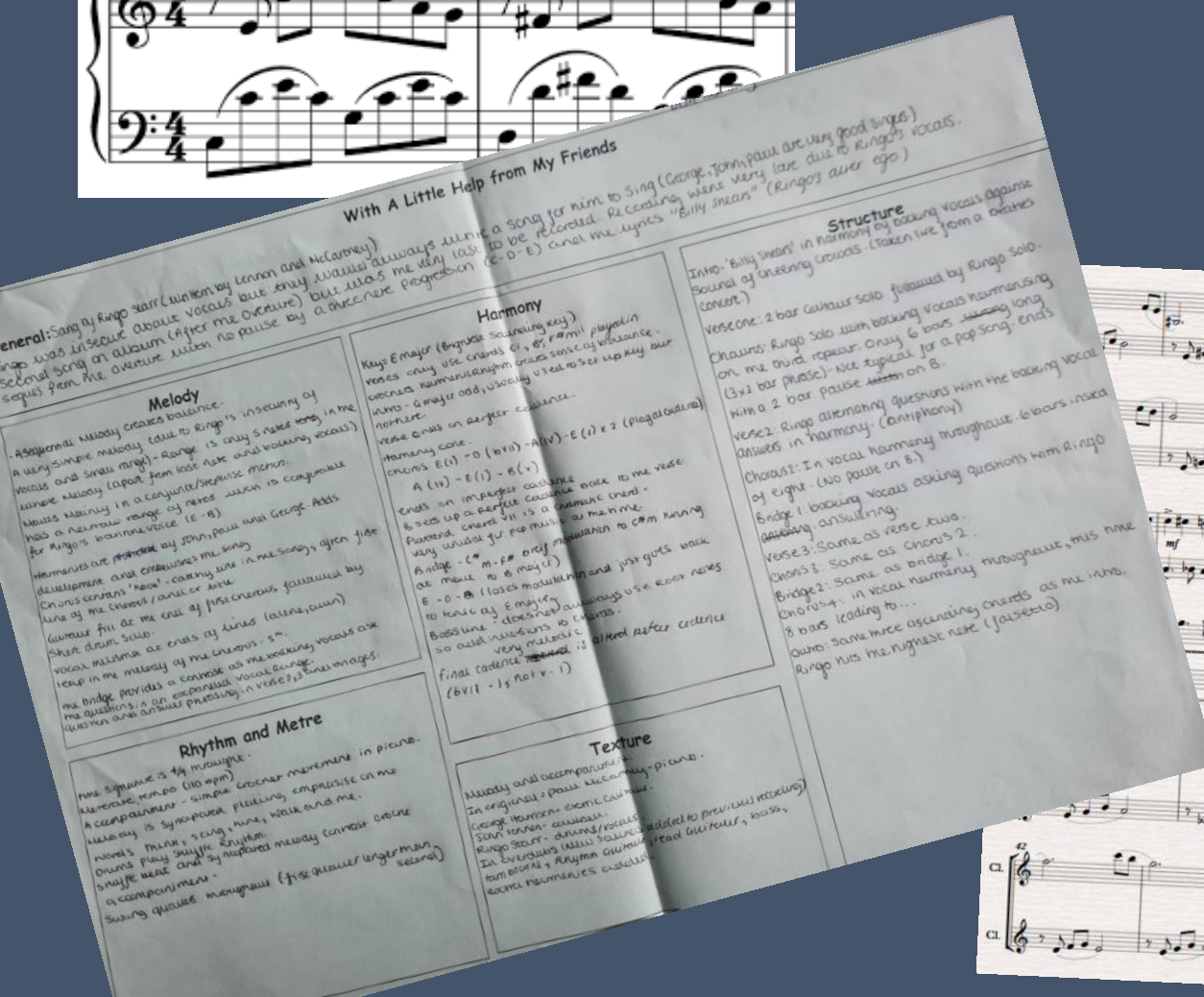
What is a symphony and how many movements are there?

A symphony is a large-scale orchestral work, typically in four movements.

It is played in the concert hall, 16-18.

Listen to the following pieces by Mozart

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FAQs

- I don't play an instrument, but I sing - is that ok?
- I'm teaching myself - is that ok?
- Do I have to have taken grades in my instrument?
- To get a really good mark in performing, what standard piece should I perform?
- I've heard that Music is hard; composing is hard.
- I don't read Music because I've learnt my instrument by ear – does that mean I will find it hard?
- In the ensemble piece, can I perform with my friend who is in another school?
- Is GCSE like KS3 lessons?

How Do I Find Out More Details?



- Speak to the subject lead:
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- Email
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- Ask questions at Year 9
Parents' Evening
- Speak to older students who
are already taking the course