



Music – WJEC GCSE

Unit 1

Section A: Performing (30%)

A minimum of two pieces, one of which must be an ensemble performance of at least one minute duration. The other piece(s) may be either solo and/or ensemble. One of the pieces performed must link to an area of study of the learner's choice.

Section B: Programme Note (5%) A programme note for one of the pieces chosen for performance, linked to an area of study.

Unit 2

Section A: Composing (30%) Two compositions, one of which must be in response to a brief set by WJEC. Learners will choose one brief from a choice of four, each one linked to a different area of study. The briefs will be released during the first week of September in the academic year in which the assessment is to be taken. The second composition is a free composition for which learners set their own brief.

Section B: Evaluating (5%) An evaluation of the piece composed in response to a brief set by WJEC

Unit 3

This unit is assessed via a listening examination. Eight questions in total, two on each of the four areas of study.

- Area of study 1: Musical Forms and Devices
- Area of study 2: Music for Ensemble
- Area of study 3: Film Music
- Area of study 4: Popular Music

Two of the eight questions are based on prepared extracts set by WJEC.

How is it studied?

- Practical and independent group work
- Listening/written music theory
- Workshops
- Independent solo practice and reflection

How will you be assessed?

Unit 1 Performing	Coursework	35%
Unit 2 Composing	Coursework	35%
Unit 3 Appraising	Exam	30%

Who is this subject suited to?

This course is suited to aspiring musicians and vocalists. The majority of this course is music performance based so you will need to be a confident performer or have strong music technology sequencing skills. You will be expected to regularly practice your instrument/voice outside of structured lessons.

What does this subject lead to?

Music - BTEC Level 2 will provide a foundation for entry into post-16 education such as A Level Music or Level 3 BTEC in Music and Performing Arts.