Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Performance on the learner's chosen instrument. Composition to a brief set by the learner.	Integrated portfolio (01 or 02) 60 Marks Non-exam assessment	30% of total GCSE
Ensemble performance. Composition to an OCR set brief.	Practical component (03 or 04) 60 Marks Non-exam assessment	30% of total GCSE
Listening and appraising. A written paper, with audio recording. Aural recognition and context unheard/unfamiliar music from within the Areas of Study 2, 3, 4 & 5.	Listening and appraising (05) 80 Marks 1 hour and 30 minutes	40% of total GCSE

Music Theory & Musical Elements Content (DR PAT SMITH)

Dynamics	Understanding and recognition of:		
	• Dynamics from pp (Pianissimo/Very Quiet) to ff (Fortissimo/Very Loud).		
	Crescendo & Dimminuendo		
Rhythms (Time	Understanding and recognition of:		
Signatures)	 Straight and/or syncopated (dotted) rhythms. 		
	Identification of written rhythmic patterns.		
	• Semi-quavers, quavers, crotchets, minims, semi-breves.		
	Regular Time Signatures: 4/4, 2/4		
	Irregular Time Signatures: 3/4, 5/4, 7/8		
	Compound Time Signatures: 6/8, 9/8.		
Pitch	Understanding and recognition of:		
	High and Low Pitches.		
	Ascending or Descending Pitches.		
	 Identification and notation of pitches on a treble clef stave Middle C – F. 		
Articulation	Understanding and recognition of:		
	Staccato and Legato Articulation		
	Different Timbres Produced by Instruments e.g. Pizzicato/Arco on Strings or Slap, Tone		
	& Bass on Djembe (African Rhythms)		
	• Descriptions of Timbres e.g.: Wooden, Metallic, Shimmering, Bright, Round etc.		
Тетро	Understanding and recognition of:		
	 Italian terms for Tempo from: Largo/Lento – Presto. 		
	Accelerando & Ritenuto		
Structure	Understanding and recognition of:		
	Binary, Ternary and Rondo Form.		
	Song Form/Verse Chorus.		
	Ritornello Form.		
	Call & Response.		
	Theme & Variation		

Malady	Understanding and recognition of:
Melody	Understanding and recognition of:
	Repeated Melodic Patterns
	Sequences
	Conjunct & Disjunct Melodies
	 Intervals – Steps and Leaps
	Scalic or Chromatic Melody
Instrumentation	Understanding and recognition of:
	 Instrumental families of the Orchestra – Brass, Woodwind, Strings & Percussion.
	Common Instruments used in Pop Music, Rhythms of The World, Film Music and The
	Concerto Through Time.
	The Development of The Orchestra.
	Common Musical Ensembles.
	Instrumental Techniques.
Texture	Understanding and recognition of:
	 Thick or Thin – Building/Developing.
	 A Capella – (Vocals only)
	 Monophonic – One instrument/melody alone/Solo.
	 Unison – Multiple instruments playing exactly the same thing.
	 Homophonic – Multiple instruments playing the same thing but in harmony.
	 Melody & Accompaniment – Single melody line with simple accompaniment e.g. Singer with a piano.
	Polyphonic – Multiple interweaving melodies, countermelodies & lines to create a
	complex/thick texture.
	 Polyrhythmic – Multiple interweaving <u>rhythms</u> to create a complex/thick texture.
Harmony	Understanding and recognition of:
	Major or Minor Keys
	Modal
	 Cadences – Perfect, Imperfect, Interrupted, Plagal.
	Modulation (Key Change)
	Primary Chords
	• 7 th Chords
	Intervals.

Areas of Study:

Aos2: The Concerto Through Time

Outline: Learners should study The Concerto and its development from 1650 to 1910 through:

- the Baroque Solo Concerto
- the Baroque Concerto Grosso
- the Classical Concerto
- the Romantic Concerto.

Focus for learning: Learners should study and develop an understanding of:

- what a concerto is and the way it has developed through time
- the instruments that have been used for the solo part in the concerto and how
- they have developed through time
- the growth and development of the orchestra through time
- the role of the soloist(s)
- the relationship between the soloist(s) and the orchestral accompaniment

- how the concerto has developed through time in terms of length, complexity and
- virtuosity
- the characteristics of Baroque, Classical and Romantic music as reflected in
- The Concerto.
- Learners should study and understand how composers of concertos use musical
- elements and compositional devices in their concertos including:
- instruments and timbre
- pitch and melody
- rhythm and metre
- tempo
- dynamics, expression and articulation
- texture
- structure, phrasing and cadences
- harmony and tonality
- repetition, sequence and imitation
- ornamentation.

Learners should have some knowledge of:

- the names and intentions of composers who wrote concertos in each period
- the historical and social context of the concerto in each period
- the need for a larger venue over time as the genre expanded and developed
- the changing nature of commissioner and audience over time.

Suggested Repertoire:

- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons
- Bach: Brandenburg No 4
- Mozart: Flute Concerto in D Major
- Haydn: Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major
- Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 1 in C Major
- Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major
- Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No 2 in C Minor
- Corelli: Concerto Grosso Op 6

Aos3: Rhythms of The World

Outline: Learners should study the traditional rhythmic roots from four geographical regions of the world:

- India and Punjab
- Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East
- Africa
- Central and South America.

Learners should study and develop an understanding of the characteristic rhythmic features of:

- Indian Classical Music and traditional Punjabi Bhangra
- Traditional Eastern Mediterranean and Arabic folk rhythms, with particular focus
- on traditional Greek, Palestinian and Israeli music
- Traditional African drumming
- Traditional Calypso and Samba.

Focus for learning: Learners should study and develop an understanding of the following for each geographical region including:

- characteristic rhythms and metres
- the origins and cultural context of the traditional music
- the musical characteristics of the folk music

- the impact of modern technology on traditional music
- the names of performers and groups
- ways in which performers work together.

Learners will study and understand how a range of musical elements is combined in traditional music, including:

- instruments and timbre
- pitch and melody
- rhythm and metre
- tempo
- dynamics, expression and articulation
- texture
- structure and phrasing
- harmony and tonality
- repetition, ostinato
- ornamentation.
- Learners should have some knowledge of:
- techniques of performing traditional drums
- traditional rhythm patterns (including regular and irregular metres, syncopation
- and cross rhythms)
- how texture builds with added parts
- improvised melodic lines based on traditional scales (including modal and
- microtonal melodic ideas)

Suggested Repertoire:

Punjabi Bhangra:

- Audio CD: Bhangra Beatz Naxos World label
- Traditional Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Folk Rhythms:
- Palestinian folk music:
- Audio CD: Israeli Folk Dances Vol 1 Hataklit label: E.g. Ve'Shuv Itchem

Greek folk music:

- Audio CD: The Rough Guide to Greek Café World Music Network label
- E.g. Lesvos Aiolis: Kontrabatzidhes

Traditional African Drumming:

- BBC GCSE Bitesize: Music of Africa
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/world_music/music_africa2.shtml

Traditional Rhythms of the Americas:

- The Beatlife Book: Playing & Teaching Samba by Preston and Hardcastle
- BBC GCSE Bitesize: Samba Music https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/
- guides/zrk9dxs/revision/5

Aos4: Music for Film & Computer Games

Outline: Learners should study a range of music used for films including:

- music that has been composed specifically for a film
- music from the Western Classical tradition that has been used within a film
- music that has been composed as a soundtrack for a video game.

Focus for learning: Learners should study how composers create music to support, express, complement and enhance:

- a mood or emotion being conveyed on the screen
- a significant character(s) or place
- specific actions or dramatic effects.

Learners should study and understand how composers use music dramatically and expressively through a variety of musical elements and compositional devices, including:

- instruments and timbre
- pitch and melody
- rhythm and metre
- tempo
- dynamics, expression and articulation
- texture
- structure and phrasing
- harmony and tonality
- repetition, ostinato, sequence and imitation
- ornamentation
- motif, leitmotif.

Learners should have some knowledge of:

- how music can develop and/or evolve during the course of a film or video game
- the resources that are used to create and perform film and video soundtracks,
- including the use of technology
- the names of composers of music for film and/or video games.

Suggested Repertoire:

- John Barry: Out of Africa, Somewhere in Time
- Hans Zimmer: Pirates of the Caribbean, Gladiator
- Emmanuel Fratianni: Avatar
- John Williams: Jaws, Star Wars
- Tommy Tallerico & Emmanuel Fratianni: Advent Rising
- Halo
- Assassins Creed

Aos5: Conventions of Pop

Outline: Learners should study a range of popular music from the 1950s to the present day, focussing on:

- Rock 'n' Roll of the 1950s and 1960s
- Rock Anthems of the 1970s and 1980s
- Pop Ballads of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s
- Solo Artists from 1990 to the present day.

Focus for learning: Learners should study and demonstrate an understanding of:

- vocal and instrumental techniques within popular music
- how voices and instruments interact within popular music
- the development of instruments in popular music over time
- the development and impact of technology over time
- the variety and development of styles within popular music over time
- the origins and cultural context of the named genres of popular music
- the typical musical characteristics, conventions and features of the specified
- genres.

Learners should study and understand how composers of popular music use and develop musical elements and compositional devices, including:

- instruments and timbre (acoustic and electric)
- pitch and melody (including bass lines and riffs)
- rhythm and metre
- tempo
- dynamics, expression and articulation
- texture
- structure and phrasing
- harmony and tonality
- dynamics, expression and articulation
- ornamentation
- repetition, ostinato and sequence
- technology including amplification and recording techniques.
- Learners should have some knowledge of:
- names of solo artists and groups who composed and/or performed in each genre
- the changing nature of song structure
- the historical and social context of the named genres of popular music
- the growth of the popular music industry

Suggested Repertoire:

Rock 'n' Roll of the 1950s and 1960s:

- Elvis Presley: Hound Dog (1952)
- The Beatles: Saw Her Standing There (1963)
- The Beach Boys: Surfin' USA (1963)

Rock Anthems of the 1970s and 1980s:

- Queen: We Will Rock You (1977)
- Bon Jovi: Livin' On A Prayer (1986)
- Guns and Roses: Sweet Child O' Mine (1987)

Pop Ballads of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s:

- Elton John: Candle In The Wind (1973)
- Bette Midler: Wind Beneath My Wings (1988)
- Bob Dylan: Make You Feel My Love (1997) (Also same year performed by Billy Joel)

Solo Artists from the 1990s to the Present Day:

- Michael Jackson: Black or White (1991)
- Kylie Minogue: Can't Get You Outta My Head (2001)
- Adele: Someone Like You (2011)