

College – Eduqas A’ level Music Specification

OPTION A

Component 1: Performing (35%) Externally assessed by visiting examiner

- Candidates are required to give a public performance of at least **THREE** pieces.
- The total performance time across all pieces must be **10-12 minutes**.
- The expected standard is grade 7-8.

Component 2: Composing (25%) Externally assessed

- Candidates are required to submit **TWO** compositions.
- One composition must be in the style of the Western Classical Tradition and be in response to a given brief (chosen from four set briefs).
- Total time across both submissions must be between **4-6 minutes**.

OPTION B

Component 1: Performing (25%) Externally assessed by visiting examiner

- Candidates are required to give a public performance of at least **THREE** pieces.
- The total performance time across all pieces must be **6-8 minutes**.
- The expected standard is grade 7-8.

Component 2: Composing (35%) Externally assessed

- Candidates are required to submit **THREE** compositions.
- One composition must be in the style of the Western Classical Tradition and be in response to a given brief (chosen from four set briefs).
- Total time across both submissions must be between of **8-10 minutes**.

Component 3: Appraising – Written/Listening examination: 2 hours 15 minutes (40%)

Candidates study **THREE** areas, **one compulsory unit** (A) The Western Classical Tradition and then two choices (**one from** B, Rock and Pop; C, Musical Theatre; D, Jazz; **and one** from E, ‘into the twentieth century’ or F, ‘into the twenty-first century’). The questions include set work analysis, extended responses on wider context, unprepared extracts of music and comparison questions.

Resources used: A’ level Study Guides, Scores, internet, Listening Skills Papers, Sibelius Auralia4 and Musition4, Finale.

Student destinations: The Guildhall School of Music & Drama; Royal Academy of Music; Trinity College, London; Royal Northern College of Music; Oxford; Cambridge, Durham; Manchester; Newcastle; York; LIPA and more.

Results 2001-2020:	A*/A	B	C	D	E
Percentage:	59	28	9	3	1
Cumulative:	59	87	96	99	100