

How can parents help?

1. Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available.

We have worked hard to provide resources that will help with revision. Please check that your son/daughter is using these resources.

- Are they using the revision materials that are on the Learning Portal?
- Have they printed out the practice exam questions for each exam paper?
- Are they following a realistic revision timetable?
- Are they making full use of lesson time and completing Go4Schools homework tasks?



2. Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies.

It is crucial that pupils follow the advice they have been given about how to revise. Simply reading through notes is not enough. The key tips for successful revision in Music are:

- Summarising – Encourage your son/daughter to summarise key topics using flashcards, a Mind Map, diagram or revision poster. They could teach you about a key topic from the revision checklist or you could test them on their ability to recall key information on their flashcards.
- Regular self-testing – Testing tells you what you know and what you don't know and therefore where to focus further study. Recalling what you have learned causes your brain to reconsolidate the memory, which strengthens its connections to what you already know and makes it easier to recall in the future.

3. Please encourage your son/daughter to:

- Regularly use the knowledge tests, past papers and practice questions in the GCSE REVISION FOLDER to check their understanding of the key topics.
- Focus their revision on 'weaker' areas (these should be identified through regular self-testing).
- Ask for support from their teacher when they need it.

Further advice and support is available in the
'Learning' section of the school website



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Advice for Effective Revision

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What can you do to improve?



What do I need to revise?

SECTION A: Listening Questions

There will be six questions based on six out of the eight set works in this section. Additionally, there will be one unfamiliar listening question and one melodic/rhythmic dictation question.

SECTION B: Essay Question

The single question in this section will require you to compare a passage from a set work with a piece of unfamiliar music.

How it's assessed

- One listening and appraising exam lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- 40% of the GCSE

General Advice

- **Make sure you know your elements** and which words are associated with them.
- **Listen to the set works** as much as possible. Create a playlist. Don't always listen to them from the start, hear short extracts and write down as much as you can about the musical elements.
- **Try and do some wider listening (in as many styles as possible!)** and compare musical elements with set works to practice for essay. Listen to classical music (Aos1), Vocal music (Aos2), Music for Stage and Screen (Aos3) and Fusions (AoS4).
- **Download an aural training app to your phone and practise.**

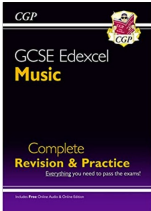
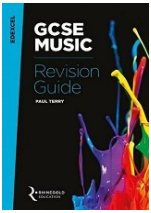

Use the Learning Portal to access the GCSE REVISION FOLDER.

Go to the 'Learning Portal', 'Music', 'Key Stage Four', and use the 'GCSE Revision' FOLDER. **Here you will find a range of revision resources.**



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What can you do to improve?

Resource	What to do
Checklists	Use the revision checklist booklet (see GCSE Music REVISION folder) to identify your strong and weak areas. Follow this link: Checklists Spend at least one hour per week revising weak areas using the methods outlined below.
Textbooks 	CGP Complete Revision and Practice Contains a summary of each set work and area of study. Contains full practice papers in the Edexcel format as well as practice listening and dictation questions. N.B some of these questions are used by the music department.
Textbooks 	GCSE MUSIC REVISION GUIDE The Rhinegold Revision Guide was issued to you in Summer term of year 10. It contains key information on the set works and musical elements. Complete the questions on each set work in the revision guide.
Past Papers	Use the past paper questions that are in the revision folder on the learning portal to test yourself. Hand your answers in to your teacher and ask for feedback on how to improve. Follow this link: Practice Exam Papers
BBC GCSE Bitesize 	BBC Bitesize has good summaries of the key topics and quizzes where you can test your knowledge. Make sure you select the Edexcel specification and the 4 areas of study you will be examined on (see opposite page). Follow this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z6chkmn