



A Level Music @SNSMusicDep

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“ Music is the **MOVEMENT**
of sound to reach the
soul for the **EDUCATION**
of its virtue. ”

Plato

Welcome to A Level Music @SNSMusicDep

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[Curriculum spec at a glance:](#)

Appraising (40%)



- Section A: Listening (56 marks)
- Section B: Analysis (34 marks)
- Section C: Essay (30 marks)

Performing (35%)

- **A minimum of ten minutes of performance in total is required** (50 marks).

- Non-exam assessment (NEA) will be externally marked by AQA examiners. Work must be completed between 1 March and the specified date given at aqa.org.uk/keydates
- Work must be sent by post/uploaded to AQA by the specified date given at aqa.org.uk/keydates



Composing (25%)

- **A minimum of four and a half minutes of music in total is required** (50 marks).
- Composition 1: Composition to a brief (25 marks)
- Composition 2: Free composition (25 marks)



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Checklist for preparing for A level music:

1. Familiarise yourself with our **website resources** at SNSmusic.co.uk/alevel
2. **Performing:** Practice, practice, practice
 - a. Select pieces to prepare over the summer holidays with readiness to perform in September. Being an active leader in our [school ensembles](#) and taking lessons is a must - to register for them through our school visit SNSmusic.co.uk/lessons.
 - b. [Link to performance rubric](#)
3. **Get listening:** acculturate your ears to the music you will later be asked to analyse
 - a. Podcasts - [Cuppa Tea Podcasts](#)
 - i. Pop Music - episodes 9-11 on Joni Mitchell and Stevie Wonder, as well as 13-15 student podcasts on Muse, Labrinth and Daft Punk.
 - ii. Revise your knowledge of Baroque, Classical and Romantic music with episodes 1, 6 and 8.
 - b. A level Spotify Playlists for appraising music
 - i. [Area Study I \(Western Classical\)](#)
 - ii. [Area Study II \(Pop Music\)](#)
 - iii. [Area Study III \(Music for Media\)](#)
 - iv. *Blank and annotated scores for listening analysis available via our website.*
4. **Composing & Music Theory:** *You need to understand music theory well enough to manipulate musical elements into wonderful pieces of music.*
 - a. [MusicTheory.net](https://www.musictheory.net)
 - b. [Teoria.com](https://www.teoria.com)
 - c. [Logic Free Trial](#)



