



GCSE

C660U20-1



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MUSIC – Component 2
Composing

Composition Brief for submission in 2022

**AVAILABLE ONLY TO CANDIDATES ENTERING THE WJEC-EDUQAS
QUALIFICATION ACCREDITED BY OFQUAL**

INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR CANDIDATES

You are permitted to compose for any appropriate combination of instruments/voices, unless otherwise stipulated in the brief.

You are advised to compose a piece between **2–3 minutes** in length in order to satisfy the assessment criteria requirement to develop ideas.

The composition must be monitored by your teacher three times during the composition process as part of the authentication process.

You must complete and sign a composition log giving details of the composition process.

After the composition has been submitted and assessed by your teacher you are not permitted to add to or amend your piece.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IN THE COMPOSITION LOG)

All secondary source materials, such as musical quotes or pre-composed samples, must be clearly acknowledged and any work which is not entirely your own must be identified. Software packages must be listed with an explanation of how they have been used. Any musical influences you may have used must also be acknowledged in the composition log.

Set briefs

You must compose a piece of music in response to **one** of the following set briefs.

1. Forms and Devices

Compose a piece of music in ternary form, for an evening concert in County Hall.

2. Music for Ensemble

Compose a duet for two voices or two instruments, with or without accompaniment, for performance in a showcase of student compositions. In vocal duets you may select suitable words or write your own, but you are advised not to choose words from a well-known song, as this may lead to a predictable response.

3. Film Music

Compose music for a sad scene in a film, depicting a soldier's return from war.

4. Popular Music

Write an uplifting song to be performed by a student group in a real or virtual 'Rock to Raise the Roof' concert in support of Comic Relief. Choose suitable words or write your own. You are advised not to choose words from a well-known song, as this may lead to a predictable response.

Composition evidence

You will be required to provide the following evidence when you submit your composition for assessment.

1. An MP3 audio recording of the composition.
2. A score **or** lead sheet accompanied by a detailed written description of the music and an outline of the melody and chords used.
3. A signed composition log outlining the development process and acknowledgements. Please use the template available on the Eduqas website.