PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: GCSE Music	Exam Board: Edexcel	Specification Code: 1MU0	
How will students be assesse	d?		
 Component 1: Perform 	ing (*Paper code: 1MU0/01)		
 Solo performance 	Solo performance + ensemble performance. Minimum 1 minute per performance, with a		
combined total of	f minimum 4 minutes.		
 Non-examined as 	Non-examined assessment: internally marked and externally moderated		
\circ 30% of the qualif	30% of the qualification		
 60 marks 			
Component 2: Compos	sing (*Paper code: 1MU0/02)		
 Free composition 	Free composition + briefed composition. Total minimum time 3 minutes		
 Non-examined as 	Non-examined assessment: internally marked and externally moderated		
\circ 30% of the qualif	30% of the qualification		
 60 marks 			
	ing (*Paper code: 1MU0/03)		
 Written examinat 	ion: 1 hour and 45 minutes		
\circ 40% of the qualif	ication		
 80 marks 			

KEY CONTENT

Students receive 5 lessons of music a fortnight. These will be split 2x appraisal, 2x composition, 1x performing.

Half Term 1	STAR:
Appraising/Listening	
- Core skills:	
 Rhythm and Metre 	
 Melody and Dynamics 	
 Harmony and Tonality 	Composition:
○ Texture and Sonority	
 Form and Structure 	
Composition	
 Revision of treble/bass clef notation 	
 Theory of extended chords 	Performance:
 Group compositions based on rhythm and single melody lines 	
 Writing idiomatically for your instrument 	
• Performance	
 Practise of solo performance 	

Half Term 2	STAR:
 Appraising/Listening AoS 2 – Vocal Music: Killer Queen, Queen 	
Composition	
◦ Formation of chords	Commonsitions
 ○ Key signatures 	Composition:
 Group compositions making use of more complex melodies and simple 	
harmonies	
Performance	Performance:
 Aural skills 	
 Continuing practice on solo performance 	
 Ensemble performance of Killer Queen 	
Half Term 3	STAR:
Appraising/Listening	
 Introduction to the Baroque Period 	
 AoS 2 - Vocal Music: Music for a While, Purcell 	
Composition	Composition:
 Use of structure within compositions Longer group compositions making use of more complex harmony 	
Performance	
• Aural skills	
 Continuing practice on solo performance 	Performance:
 Ensemble performance of Music for A While 	
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Half Term 4	STAR:
Appraising/Listening Set works: AcS 1: Instrumental Music: Brandenburg Concerts No 5 in D major, mut 3	
 AoS 1: Instrumental Music: Brandenburg Concerto No.5 in D major, mvt 3, J.S Bach 	
• Composition	Composition:
 Making use of differing textures 	
 Use of mood in response to a brief 	
Performance	
○ Aural skills	Performance:
 Continuing practice on solo performance 	
 Planning ensemble performances 	
Half Term 5	STAR:
Appraising/Listening	No STAR
• Applaising/Listering • AoS 1: Instrumental Music:1st Movement from Piano Sonata no. 8 in C	during this
minor 'Pathétique', Beethoven	half term
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Composition	
Composition Oevelopment of melody	Composition:

 Performance Preparation for mock performance recordings 	Performance:
Half Term 6	STAR:
Appraising/Listening	
 AoS 3: Music for Stage and Screen: "Main Theme/Rebel Blockade Runner" from Star Wars, Williams 	
 Rhythm dictation/melody dictation exercises 	
Composition	
 What makes a composition appropriate to a style? Planning briefs for free composition. 	Composition:
Performance	
 Continued work on solo and ensemble performances 	
 Reflect on mock recordings 	Performance: