

PCHS Curriculum Information

Course Title: A-Level Music	Exam Board: Edexcel	Specification Code: 9MU0
How will students be assessed? The Edexcel Music-A Level consists of one written paper and two non-examined assessment components: Component 1: Performing (30%): A public performance of one or more pieces, performed as a recital. Performance can be playing or singing solo, in an ensemble, improvising, or realising music using music technology. The total performance time across all pieces must be a minimum of 6 minutes. Component 2: Composing (30%): Total of two compositions, one to a brief set by the exam board and one free composition. Total time across both submissions must be a minimum of four minutes and 30 seconds. Component 3: Appraising (40%): Written examination. Application of knowledge through six areas of study: - Vocal Music - Instrumental Music - Music for Film - Popular Music and Jazz - Fusions - New Directions. - Application of knowledge to unfamiliar works.		

Half Term			
	Appraising	Composing	Performing
1	3 days per fortnight - Pitch/Rhythm transcription - Set works: - Beatles - Revolver - Kate Bush - Hounds of Love	3 days per fortnight Composition Main composition	Performing Mock recital recordings and reflection

2	Set Works and Core Skills • Pitch/Rhythm transcription • Set work: ◦ Courtney Pine - Back in the Day	Composing • Main composition • Practice assessing techniques composition	Performing • Continue recital recordings
3	Set Works and Core Skills • Pitch/Rhythm transcription • Set works: Anoushka Shankar - 3 pieces	Composing • Complete Main Composition	Performing • Aim to complete recital recordings
4	Set Works and Core Skills • Pitch/Rhythm transcription • Set works: Saariaho - Petals	Internal Submission • Submit main composition to ADP for marking.	Internal Submission • Submit to ADP for marking.
5	Set Works and Core Skills • Rhythm/Pitch Notation • Practice essay questions • Mock listening questions • Set works: ◦ Complete any outstanding/ recap by AoS	Submission • “Assessing Technique” Composition Exercise released (1st April). • Submit all coursework to exam board by May 15.	Submission • Submit all coursework to exam board by May 15.