

# **GCSE MUSIC**

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# WHY CHOOSE GCSE MUSIC?

- 60% is coursework and assessed internally.
- Develop performance and composition skills.
- Build confidence, creativity and collaboration.
- Highly regarded GCSE supporting many careers.
- Opportunity to perform with other creative individuals.
- Explore a range of styles of music from classical to film and popular music.

# COURSE OVERVIEW

## Performance 30%

- Solo performance
- Ensemble performance
- NEA internally assessed
- Free weekly tuition available

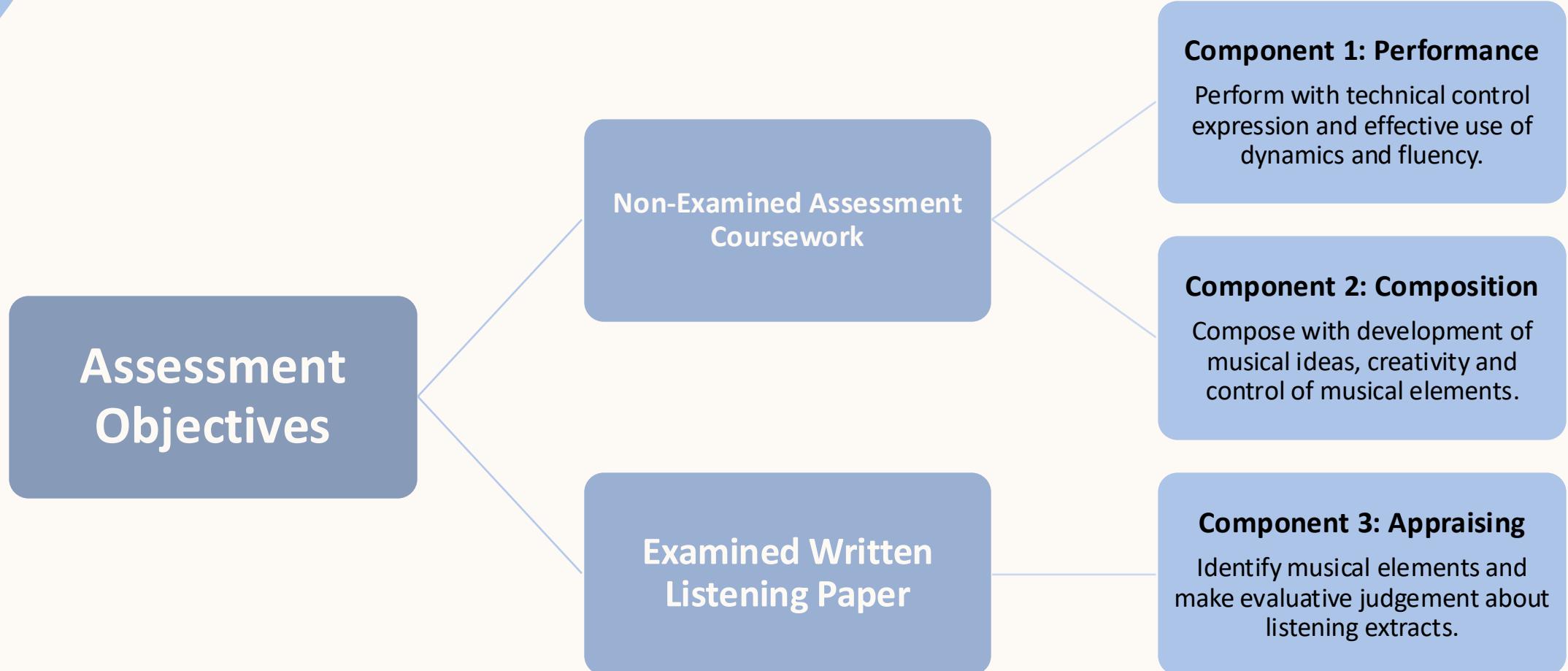
## Composition 30%

- Free composition
- Brief composition
- NEA internally assessed
- Digital and traditional software

## Appraisal Listening Exam 40%

- Written listening exam 1hr 30mins in the hall.
- Eight sets of questions in total, covering the four areas of study:
  1. Musical Forms and Devices
  2. Music for Ensemble
  3. Film Music
  4. Popular Music

# ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



# HOW ARE STUDENTS SUPPORTED?

- Students receive regular, structured teacher guidance in performance, composition, and listening appraisal, so they understand exactly how to improve and meet assessment criteria.
- Performance development is supported through rehearsal time in lessons, 1-to-1 tuition and detailed feedback to help students build confidence and musical accuracy over time.
- Composition work is carefully scaffolded through step-by-step lessons, allowing students to develop ideas, experiment with music technology and refine their work through teacher and peer feedback.
- Students are supported with access to music technology and resources, including notation software and recording equipment so they can work in ways that suit their strengths.
- Clear deadlines, checklists, and exemplar work are provided so students and parents understand expectations and can manage time effectively across the course.
- Additional support is available through intervention sessions, catch-up opportunities, and one-to-one guidance, particularly around coursework deadlines and exam preparation.

# CAREERS



Music Producer



Audio Engineer



Sound Designer



Music Arranger



Composer for  
Media



Record Label  
Producer



Mixing Engineer

# **THANK YOU**

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