

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

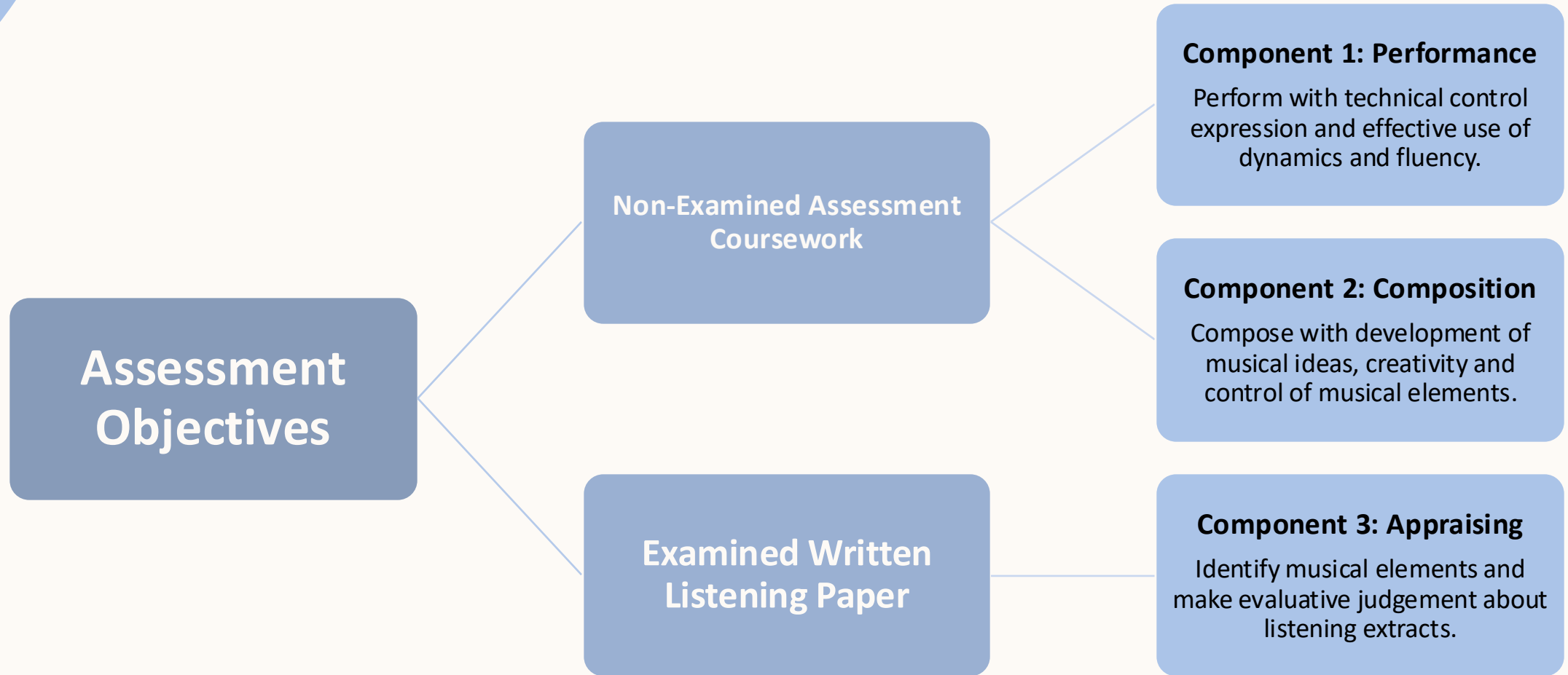
Composition 30%

- **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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