

Music

Y11 Revision Guide

January – May 2026

Exam Specification and Exam Board	AQA GCSE music
Past Paper Questions	Please note, set works change every four years
Useful Revision Websites	BBC Bitesize
Exam Info	<p>Component 1: Understanding music 90 Minute exam (96 marks) worth 40% of the final grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - unfamiliar music (68 marks) Section B – study pieces 28 marks <p>Component 2: Performing music This component is 30% of GCSE marks (72 marks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> performance 1: Solo performance (36 marks) performance 2: Ensemble performance (36 marks) <p>Component 3: Composing music This component is 30% of GCSE marks (72 marks) .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> composition 1: Composition to a brief (36 marks) <p>composition 2: Free composition (36 marks)</p>

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Week	Activity 1	Activity 2
1 05.01.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the videos in the AO1 list.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 1. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
2 12.01.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the videos in the AO2 list.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 2. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
3 19.01.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the videos in the AO3 list.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 3. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
4 26.01.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the videos in the AO4 list.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 4. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
5 02.02.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the videos on the Beethoven symphony.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 5. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
6 09.02.25	Please Open the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams and watch the video on the Queen songs.	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch key vocabulary vid 6. Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
February Half Term	Using the GCSE MUSIC REVISION KEYWORDS document on the teams page, fill in the blank	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch the GCSE Music Revision –

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	definitions for the section titled Western classical tradition 1600-1910.	melodic Dictation and attempt the questions asked within the video. You will need some blank or scrap paper for this.
7 23.02.25	Using the GCSE MUSIC REVISION KEYWORDS document on the teams page, fill in the blank definitions for the section titled Popular music	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch the GCSE Music Revision – interval training and attempt the questions asked within the video. You may need some blank or scrap paper for this.
8 02.03.25	Using the GCSE MUSIC REVISION KEYWORDS document on the teams page, fill in the blank definitions for the section titled Traditional music.	Using the GCSE MUSIC REVISION KEYWORDS document on the teams page, fill in the blank definitions for the section titled Western classical tradition since 1910.
9 09.03.25	Revise the section on ' Texture ': Complete the corresponding quiz	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch the GCSE Music Revision - Practice Listening Questions PART 1 and attempt the questions asked within the video
10 16.03.25	Revise the section on ' Sonority (Timbre) ' Complete the corresponding quiz	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch the GCSE Music Revision - Practice Listening Questions PART 2 and attempt the questions asked within the video
11 23.03.25	Revise the section on ' Notation ' Complete the corresponding quiz	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch the GCSE Music Revision - Practice Listening Questions PART 3 and attempt the questions asked within the video
Easter Break	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please

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	Complete questions 1, 2 & 3 (AoS 1) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	watch the GCSE Music Revision - Practice Listening Questions PART 4 and attempt the questions asked within the video
12 13.04.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions Complete questions 4, 5 & 6 (AoS 1) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch identifying melodies . Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
13 20.04.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions Complete questions 7, 8, 9 & 10 (AoS 1) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	At the bottom of the Videos to watch for GCSE revision document on teams, please watch identifying rhythms . Create notes, flashcards or other recall aides as required
14 27.04.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 11, 12 & 13 (AoS 2) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 14, 15 & 16 (AoS 2) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)
15 04.05.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 17 & 18 (AoS 2) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 19, 20 & 21 (AoS 3) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)
16 11.05.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 22, 23 & 24 (AoS 3) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 25 & 26 (AoS 3) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)
17 18.05.25	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions.	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions.



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	Complete questions 27,28&29 (AoS 4) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	Complete questions 30 & 31 (AoS 4) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)
May Half Term	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 32&33 (AoS 4) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)	There is a folder on teams (within revision Olympics) called Listening questions. Complete questions 34&35 (AoS 4) (pdf with answers and audio on Teams)