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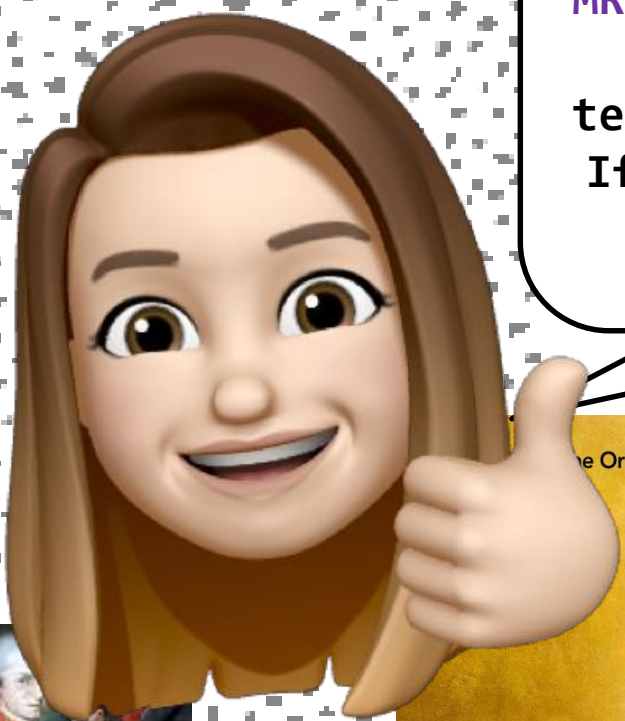


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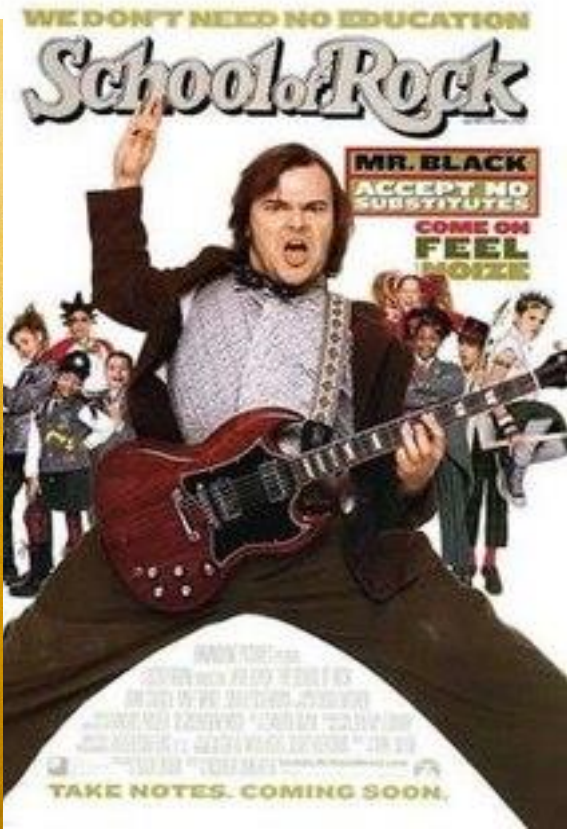
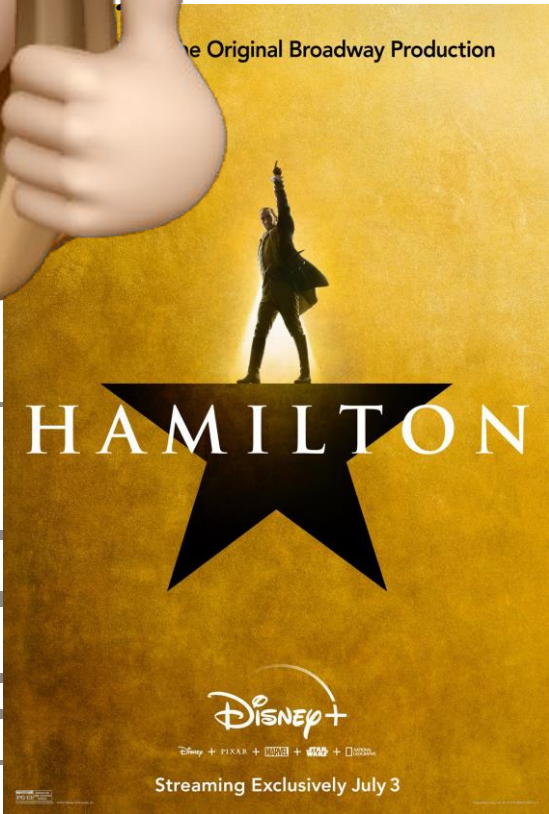


CAN YOU PASS
MUSIC GCSE?





Hi!
My name is
MRS. Razzell, and I will be your
GCSE Music
teacher for the next three years!
If you have any questions at all
then please just let me know.



Why choose Music for GCSE?

This is a vibrant and dynamic course that gives you a platform and freedom to express yourself creatively.

The course will teach you a wide range of practical and creative techniques and skills such as composing, performing, and musical analysis.

You will explore the Music of different times and cultures as inspiration, and experiment with the use of different compositional techniques in your own compositions.



Exam board: WJEC

**Assessment: 35% Performance
35% Composition
30% exam**

Excellent facilities are available within our dedicated Music classroom. We have a range of equipment and resources including a suit of Mac computers, a Recording Studio and plenty of break out rooms for practice and rehearsals.



Is it for me?

GCSE Music will involve you working on ideas and songs of ***your choice***. These projects will be split into:

35% Performing.

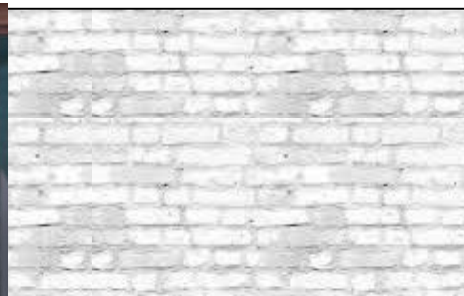
- You must perform a minimum of **two** pieces, lasting a total of 4 minutes, recorded in the year of assessment (Usually Year 11.) One piece must be an ensemble (group piece) lasting at least one minute
 - One piece linked to an Area of Study(see below)
- Grade 3 is the standard level and can score full marks if played perfectly
- You can use any instrument or voice, or choose a technology option.



35% Composing.

- You will need to compose **two** pieces
- One in response to a brief set by WJEC – there are 4 to choose from each year.
- You will also write an evaluation of this piece.
- One free composition – ANY style you want to write in.

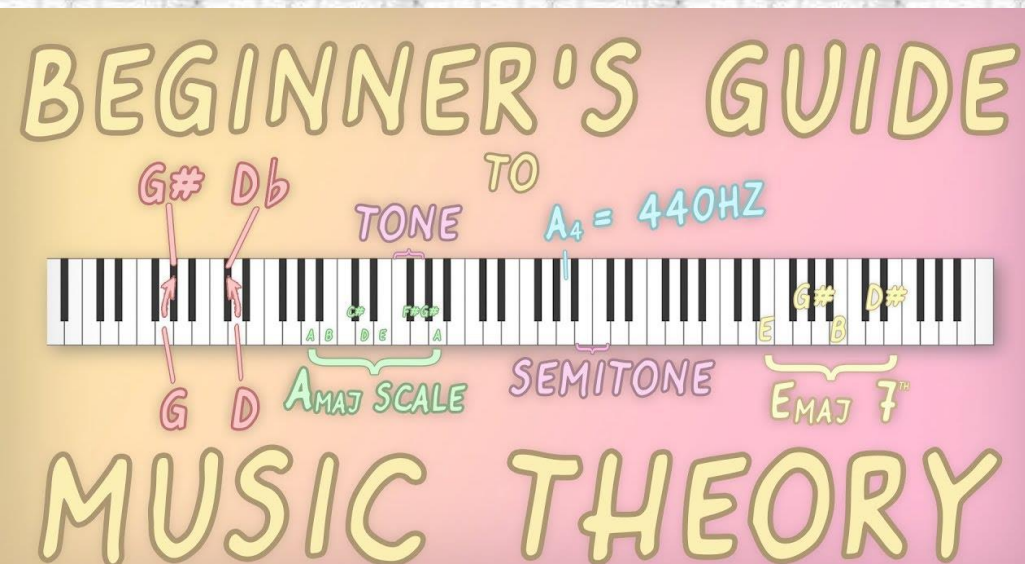
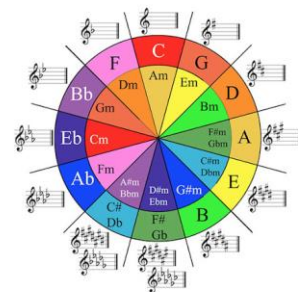
You can record your composition in many ways but most pupils tend to use GarageBand or Logic on the Macs.



- Listening exam:
- 8 questions, 2 on each area of study:
- AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices (including a set work*)
- AoS 2 Music for Ensemble
- AoS 3 Film Music
- AoS 4 Popular Music (including a set work*)



A lot of work is involved.
However, the emphasis is on being creative and expressing yourself so if you enjoy that then you will enjoy this course!
You will be expected to complete work at home (mainly practice and revision)



Where can Music take you?

Being a musician isn't the only career in music – other options include being a **sound technician, music therapist, teacher,** or a range of careers in the music industry.

The arts/creative industries This might include work in film, TV, theatre, radio, arts administration, or creative education.

Professions such as **medicine, law, accountancy.** Music is highly regarded as a very **academic** subject and so could complement your other studies in leading to a professional career.

Music making is good for your mental health, whatever career you go into. Taking G.C.S.E. music won't limit your future academic choices and may even help you to get your dream job.



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

I need to be able to read music

FALSE

we start from scratch with reading music so don't panic that you will be behind anyone else.

I will have to perform in front of the school

FALSE

I will ask you at times to perform for the class as you need to get used to performing your chosen songs but never in front of the whole school

We only listen to classical or Disney songs


FALSE

We listen to a vast array of genres of music. This is so important as it helps to influence your compositions as well as your performances. We compare genres and look at how each one came about.

Music is not academic

FALSE

In professions such as medicine and law, Music is widely regarded amongst professionals as being very academic so could complement your other studies in leading to a professional career.



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**You know
its the
right choice!**