KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent & Carer Support Guide
Music

Key Exam Information:

Exam Board: OCR J536
Assessment:

- 30% Integrated Portfolio (Solo performance & 1 Composition in a chosen style)
- 30% Practical Component (Ensemble performance & 1 Composition to an examination brief)
- 40% Listening Examination (written & listening examination based on the 5 Areas of Study)

Course Overview:

October - December

- Practical Component Ensemble Performance rehearsed (looking at control of technique, fluency, accuracy, use of expression and ensemble awareness)
- 1st draft of the 'Composition to a brief' completed
- Retrieval of AOS2, AOS3, AOS4 and AOS5 (including examination practice)
- AOS3 - Introduction to any Areas Of Study (to support the mock examination)

January - February Half Term

- Practical Component Ensemble Performance rehearsed (looking at control of technique, fluency, accuracy, use of expression and ensemble awareness)
- 'Composition to a brief' completed (including the written account)
- **Week beginning 1st February 2027 - Performance Examinations (Solo & Ensemble performance)**
- Retrieval of AOS2, AOS3, AOS4 & AOS5 (including examination practice)
- AOS3 - Introduction of Israeli & Palestinian music

March - May

- Retrieval of AOS2, AOS3, AOS4 & AOS5 (including examination practice)

Key content/ skills covered:

- Performance techniques
- Composing devices
- Stylistic features for AOS2, AOS3, AOS4 & AOS5
- Examination techniques (analytical questions, comparison questions, dictation and identification of specific stylistic features using key musical terminology)

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:

2/02/27 - 4/02/27 - Performance Examinations
28/02/27 - Integrated Portfolio & Practical Component compositions coursework completed
27/05/27 - Music GCSE Listening Examination

Links to past papers and revision guides:

GCSE Music Examination Paper 2024
GCSE Music Mark Scheme 2024
GCSE Music Examination Paper 2023
GCSE Music Mark Scheme 2023

Links to revision sites/ resources:

BBC Bitesize Music OCR
Rhinegold GCSE OCR Revision book
Rhinegold GCSE OCR Study Guide
Rhinegold GCSE OCR Listening Tests

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