

AQA GCSE Music

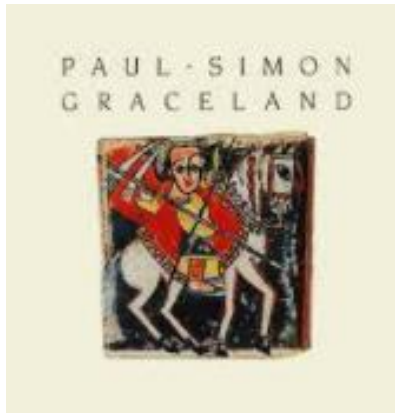
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- **Component 1 Listening and Appraising (40%)**
 - Exam in July 2023, 1 hour 30 mins
 - 1 hour of unfamiliar listening, 30 mins on two set works
- **Component 2 Performance (30%)**
 - Solo performance
 - Ensemble performance (needs to be with one other live musician). At least one minute long.
 - Combined length must be 4 minutes long. We record this in Year 11. It can be re-recorded.
- **Component 3 Composition (30%)**
 - Free brief – we'll start this composition in Term 4
 - Set brief – released in September 2022

How can you help?

- Set Works
 - Mozart's Clarinet Concert
 - Paul Simon's Graceland



Lots of variety of music being played at home:

- Baroque (Handel, Bach)
- Classical (Mozart, Haydn)
- Romantic (Schumann, Chopin)
- 20th Century (Britten, Copland, Reich, Kodaly)

Listening homework is on Focus on Sound. Lots of listening exercises.

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A useful revision tool

- Write down all the musical words linked to...
 - Texture (Term 1)
 - Melody (Term 2)
 - Tonality (Term 1)
 - Rhythm

How can you help?

Performance

- Instrumental/singing lessons can be very helpful!
- Encourage them to practise regularly...
- Encourage them to attend choir/orchestra/guitar club etc
- Ask them what they're working on

How can you help?

Composition

- Students tend to think they can't compose.
- Remind them that they're not expected to be Mozart or Paul Simon
- Ask to hear what they've done, ask them which bits they like.
- Reassure them! We will work with all students on a one-to-one basis in lesson time and sometimes after school.

Support

- All student have a progress booklet which includes:
 - Overview of the course
 - Musical elements charts, which they fill in.
 - Essential information which they'll use for revision eg Typical features of Baroque.
- Additional resources
 - Focus on Sound (listening). Lots of AQA resources within this site.
 - Soundtrap (composition)
 - Extra-curricular activities

Questions?