



Supporting your child with their GCSE Music

The Music Exam

The exam is worth 40% of the final grade - with the other 60% having already been completed through your performance (30%) and composing (30%)

Date of exam - Friday 5th June 1.30pm

What do we know about the exam already?

- There will be 9 questions
- The first 6 are listening questions are based on their set works
- Question 7 is a dictation question in treble clef
- Question 8 is an unfamiliar question linked one of their areas of study
- Question 9 is a wider listening question on one of their set works - we don't know which one, but the students all have a sheet showing which ones have come up over the last 7 years.

How can I help at home?

- Listen to the pieces together - talk about them. Ask your child to tell you some of the features of the piece
- Test them on the key terms of pieces
- Read descriptions of some of the pieces from their notes - ask them to identify the piece from this
- Get a copy of the [Rhinegold revision guide](#) (a used copy from the market place is fine) - and have chats about the set work at home. Get them to tell you information and you can check it's correct.

Which websites could help?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z6chkmn> this is a newly set up section of their website which is really specific to our exam board and has some useful resources

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDwZYHEpHBU_phq0Ue0mJEw - a youtube channel of all the set works.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSSqb164OqxhEzlcTX4dh7JIKB7MIC6Kh> - a set of videos which talk through the analysis of each set work

