

EDEXCEL GCSE MUSIC – STARTER PACK INTRODUCTION

These resources are intended for use in the first weeks of teaching the GCSE specification. There is no set intended progression of use, build into your lessons the PowerPoints, worksheets and information with students how and when you wish.

The intention is to give an overview of the set works (some teachers like to present the big picture of content first before starting to look at each piece in detail), a taster of the vocabulary constantly used, revision of the musical elements with focus on KS4 descriptions and a PowerPoint and brief sheet for a practice run on a composition. The latter is linked to Baroque, it often being a starting point for Year 10s and the intention is to keep this task smaller scale in terms of the controlled hours used but this may turn up pieces ready for expansion in the first full controlled coursework task.

There is also a questionnaire for students about their musical history and interests for those staff faced with unknown students at the start of KS4.

The resources are listed below.

- *PowerPoint Guide to Edexcel Music (see accompanying powerpoint)*
- *Introductory sheet about all set works and Areas of Study (p2-3)*
- *Revision of Elements of Music (p4-5)*
- *Starter exercise PowerPoint on some of the musical vocabulary needed (see accompanying powerpoint)*
- *Brief sheet for starter composition task on Baroque ABA form (p6)*
- *PowerPoint for starter composition task (see accompanying powerpoint)*
- *Worksheet on typical questions and key word answers (p7)*
- *Questionnaire for students on their musical background and interests (p8-9)*

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