

GCE Music

Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below details any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions for Summer 2021.

Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2021

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
AS 1: Performing	Externally assessed by visiting examiner Solo performance Viva voce	32.5% of AS 13% of A level	The performance examinations (performance and viva voce) are to be recorded and sent to CCEA for examining by the specified date (agreed by CCEA in due course).
AS 2: Composing	Internally assessed, externally moderated A: Composition Task or B: Composition with Technology Task Written commentary	32.5% of AS 13% of A level	The pre-release stimuli from 2019/2020 remain valid for candidates opting for <i>Music Composition with Technology</i> (this task can be found on the CCEA website with the new date of 2021)
AS 3: Responding to Music	Two external written examinations Test of aural perception 1 hour Written examination 2 hours	35% of AS 14% of A level	N/A
A2 1: Performing	Externally assessed by visiting examiner Solo performance Viva voce	19.5% of A level	The performance examinations (performance and viva voce) are to be recorded and sent to CCEA for examining by the specified date (agreed by CCEA in due course).

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A2 2: Composing	Internally assessed, externally moderated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: Composition Task or • B: Composition with Technology Task • Written commentary 	19.5% of A level	The pre-release stimuli from 2019/2020 remain valid for candidates opting for <i>Music Composition with Technology</i> (this task can be found on the CCEA website with the new date of 2021)
A2 3: Responding to Music	Two external written examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test of aural perception 1 hour 15 mins • Written examination 2 hours 	21% of A level	N/A

For candidates who started their GCE course in September 2019 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2021, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

If a candidate decides they wish to re-enter for the corresponding AS units, they will be awarded the higher of two options:

- a) the grade based on the outcome of the A2 exams; or
- b) the grade based on the outcome of the AS and A2 exams together.

Candidates who commenced their course in September 2019 and wish to re-enter AS units must enter for all AS units.

For candidates commencing their GCE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the components are delivered in an order that prioritises content that cannot be delivered remotely in case of any further disruption to the academic year.