



OPTIONS 2026 - MUSIC

🎵 **GCSE MUSIC - ST AUGUSTINE'S
HIGH**
EDUQAS EXAM BOARD
PRESENTATION FOR YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Mr Savage



WELCOME TO GCSE MUSIC TITLE: WHY CHOOSE MUSIC?

Welcome to GCSE Music

Title: Why Choose Music?

Creative, practical, and enjoyable subject

Develop skills you can use for life

A chance to work with others and perform

Not just for “musicians” – open to everyone

Music is a chance to develop creativity, confidence
and collaboration – skills valued everywhere.



WHAT IS EDUQAS GCSE MUSIC?

- A balanced course with performing, composing & listening
- Mix of practical and theory
- Suitable for all musical backgrounds
- Lots of support in lessons

COURSE BREAKDOWN

- Performing – 30%
- Composing – 30%
- Listening & Appraising Exam – 40%



PERFORMING (30%)

Performing

- One **solo** performance
- One **ensemble** performance
- Minimum total duration: **4 minutes**
- You can perform on *any* instrument — voice included
- Backing tracks allowed



COMPOSING (30%)

Composing (30%)

- You compose **two** pieces
- One free choice
- One set by Eduqas
- Use school software- BandLab
- Develop your creativity and style




LISTENING AND APPRAISING (30%)

Listening & Appraising (40%)

- 1 hr 15 min written exam
- Music from:
 - Musical Forms & Devices
 - Music for Ensemble
 - Film Music
 - Popular Music
- Identify instruments, techniques, genres, and feature



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- Workshops & guest musicians
 - School concerts and showcases
 - Bands, choirs, ensembles
 - Recording studio time
 - Instrumental lessons available

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

FUTURE PATHWAYS

What can you do next?

- A-Level Music or Music Technology
- BTEC Music Performance

What work can you do?

- Performer
- Composer
- Sound Engineer
- Music Teacher
- Producer
- Theatre/Film/Media roles



THANK YOU