

Introducing Advanced Higher Music

Advanced Higher is SQA’s highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students’ knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities, and to think and work independently.

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There are **two** mandatory Units: *Music: Composing*, and *Music: Listening*. Candidates also take **one** optional Unit: *Music: Performing* (the Music with Performing route) or *Music: Performing with Technology* (the Music with Technology route).

The aim of the Course is to allow candidates to experience music as a performer, composer and listener. Candidates are given opportunities through practical activities to develop their general interests in music, and also the opportunity to choose a particular focus on developing skills in performance or performance with the use of technology.

The Units are internally assessed as follows:

- ◆ *Music: Composing* - observation of their composition and a folio
- ◆ *Music: Listening* - a Commentary on two or more musical works/movements
- ◆ *Music: Performing* - two or three musical performances
- ◆ *Music: Performing with Technology* - a performance programme, a test of knowledge and understanding, and a completed assignment in MIDI Sequencing **or** sound engineering and production

The Course is externally assessed as follows (dependent on route taken):

Music with Performing route		Music with technology route	
Question Paper	40 marks	Question Paper	40 marks
Performing	60 marks	Folio	60 marks

Further Information

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the Music page of SQA’s website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available here, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA’s Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).