

## Performing (30%)

One solo



One ensemble



# Year 9 GCSE Music

Understanding the musical elements:

**'DR T SMITH'** (40%)

## Composition (30%)

One set to a brief



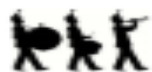
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### Rhythm (and Metre)

The **pattern of the notes against the beat.**

#### Beat



Steady pulse of the music

#### Note value



How long a note lasts

#### Time Signature



How many beats in a bar

### Tempo

The **speed of the music**

#### Presto



Very quick

#### Allegro



Quick

#### Andante



Walking pace

#### Adagio



Leisurely

#### Largo



Slow and stately

### Dynamics

The **volume** of a sound or piece of music.

#### Piano



Quiet

#### Forte



Loud

#### Diminuendo



Getting quieter

#### Crescendo



Getting louder

### Melody

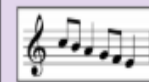
The **tune** that you hear

#### Ascending



Going up in pitch.

#### Descending



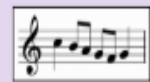
Going down in pitch.

#### Range



The difference between the highest and lowest note - wide or narrow

#### Conjunct



Moves up or down by step.

#### Disjunct



Moves in big leaps.

### Texture

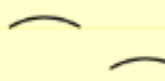
The **layers of sound** and how they fit together

#### Unison



All doing the same thing at the same time

#### Imitation



When one part copies another

#### Monophonic



A single voice or instrument

#### Polyphonic



Different parts that interweave together

#### Melody and Accompaniment



A main melody with all other parts in the background

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### Instrumentation

The **instruments** that you hear

#### Vocal



Male and/or female singer

#### String



Violin, viola, cello, double bass

#### Brass



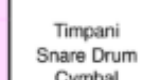
Trumpet, french horn, trombone, tuba

#### Woodwind



Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone

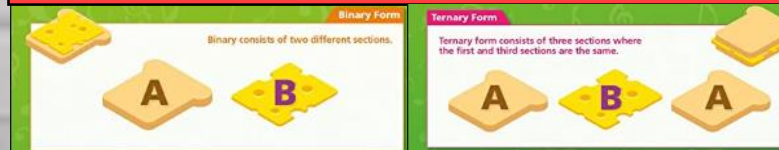
#### Percussion



Timpani, Snare Drum, Cymbal, Tambourine, Triangle, Bass Drum

### Structure

The **order of sections** in a piece of music



### Harmony

The **chords** used in the music

#### Chord



Two or more notes played together

#### Major

Music which sounds 'bright'

joyful, heroic, brave, excited

#### Minor

Music which sounds 'dark'

serious, sinister, angry, upset