

## **GCSE music suggested listening list**

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The suggested listening list for each area of study is a guide. It is not prescriptive.

### Area of study 1: The Western Classical Tradition 1650 – 1910

#### Study piece

Haydn Symphony 101 in D major “The Clock” movt.2

#### Suggested listening

##### Topic area 1: The Coronation Anthems and Oratorios of Handel

Handel: Coronation Anthems

Zadok the Priest

The King shall rejoice

Oratorios, including for example, Messiah

##### Topic area 2: The orchestra music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven

Haydn: Symphonies including for example:

Symphony No.94 in G major *Surprise*

Symphony No. 101 in D major *Clock*

Symphony No. 103 in E flat major *Drumroll*

Concertos, including:

Trumpet Concerto in E flat major

Mozart: Symphonies including:

Symphony No. 25 in G minor K183 *Little G minor*

Symphony No. 41 in C major K551 *Jupiter*

Concertos including:

Clarinet Concerto in A major

Horn Concerto No. 4 in E flat major K495

Beethoven: Symphonies, including:

Symphony No. 6 in F major *Pastoral*

Concertos including:

Piano Concerto No.5 in E flat major *Emporer*

Violin Concerto in D major

##### Topic area 3: The piano music of Chopin and Schumann

Chopin: Preludes including for example:

“Raindrop” Prelude, Op 28 No.15

Polonaises, including for example:

“Military” Polonaise, Op 40 No.1

Schumann:

“Kinderszenen”

## Topic area 4: The Requiem of the late Romantic period

Faure: Requiem

Verdi: Requiem

Brahms: German Requiem

Dvorak: Requiem

## Area of study 2: Popular Music

### Study pieces

The Beatles - Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

- With a little help from my friends
- Within you, without you
- Lucy in the sky with diamonds

### Suggested listening

## Topic area 1: Music of Broadway 1950s to 1990s

Bernstein West side story

Alan Menken Little shop of horrors

Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey Grease

Elton John & Tim Rice The Lion King

## Topic area 2: Rock music of the 1960s and 1970s

The Beatles Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band

Led Zeppelin IV

Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon

## Topic area 3: Film and computer gaming music 1990s to present

John Williams Star Wars; Harry Potter

Hans Zimmer Gladiator; Pirates of the Caribbean; The Dark Knight

Winifred Philips Little Big Planet

Harry Gregson-Williams Metal Gear Solid – Guns of the Patriots (15)

## Topic area 4: Pop music 1990s to present

White stripes Elephant

Taylor Swift 1989 (2014)

Adele 21

Alicia Keys Girl on Fire (2012)

Coldplay Ghost stories (2014)

## Area of study 3: Traditional / World

### Study piece

Santana –

- Supernatural

- Smooth

~ Migra  
- Love of my life

## Suggested listening

### Topic area 1: Blues music 1920 – 1950

Robert Johnson	The Complete Collection
Bessie Smith	The Best of Bessie Smith
Big Bill Broonzy	The Anthology
Blind Willie McTell	The Ultimate Blues Collection

### Topic area 2: Fusion music incorporating African and / or Caribbean music

Bob Marley	Legend
Paul Simon	Graceland

### Topic area 3: Contemporary Latin music

Santana	Supernatural
Buena Vista Social Club	Buena Vista Social Club
Piazolla	Libertango

### Topic area 4: Contemporary folk music of the British Isles

Mumford and Sons	Sign no more
Kate Rusby	Little lights