

# YOUR STEP- BY-STEP GUIDE TO SWITCHING TO EDUQAS

AS/A LEVEL MUSIC



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## WHY CHOOSE US?

- Interesting areas of study include the Development of the Symphony; a choice of Rock and Pop Music, Jazz, or Musical Theatre; and at A level, either Into the Twentieth Century or Into the Twenty-First Century.
- The Area of Study “Into the Twenty-First Century” includes works by living male and female composers giving an insight into the current music industry.
- There is a Symphony to study as a set work, and two short twentieth or twenty-first century pieces, but beyond this the choice of classroom repertoire is left to the teacher who will select music which is relevant to their teaching points and which will be interesting and accessible to the learners in their class.
- Performing is assessed by a visiting examiner, giving a much more realistic scenario than a recording, allowing students to demonstrate their communication of the music to the listener, and giving a real sense of occasion.
- Composition is assessed through two pieces: one written in a Western Classical Style in response to a chosen brief, and one free piece which can be in any genre, allowing candidates to demonstrate and develop their personal style.
- Students can choose whether they wish to be assessed on a longer performance or submit a third composition, allowing them to develop their preferred specialism.

## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT (GCE AS)

Eduqas AS	
The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1830)	
Detailed study of movements 1 and 2 of one symphony and general study of another, within the social, historical and cultural context.	Choose one for detailed study, the other for general study: Haydn, Symphony 104 in D major, <i>London</i> . (Movements 1 and 2) <b>or</b> Mendelssohn, Symphony 4 in A major, <i>Italian</i> . (Movements 1 and 2)
Optional areas – choose 1	
Rock and Pop 1960-1990	Pop Rock (including progressive rock, heavy metal, folk-rock, punk rock) Soul Funk (including disco)
Musical Theatre	Richard Rodgers Leonard Bernstein Stephen Sondheim Claude-Michel Schonberg Andrew Lloyd Webber
Jazz 1920-1950	Ragtime Dixieland Early jazz Big band (including swing) Be-bop
No set works for these areas of study	

## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT (A LEVEL)

Eduqas A level	
The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1900)	
Detailed study of one symphony and general study of another, within the social, historical and cultural context.	Choose one for detailed study, the other for general study: Haydn, Symphony 104 in D major, <i>London</i> . <b>or</b> Mendelssohn, Symphony 4 in A major, <i>Italian</i> .
Optional areas – choose 1	
Rock and Pop 1960-2000 Musical Theatre Jazz 1920-1950	As for AS Music with the addition of: Folk and country As for AS Music with the addition of: Stephen Schwartz As for AS Music with the addition of: Cool jazz
No set works for these areas of study	
Optional areas – choose 1	
Into the Twentieth Century 1895 – 1935	Detailed study of 2 set works.  Poulenc, <i>Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, movement II</i> <b>and</b> Debussy, <i>Three Nocturnes, Number 1, Nuages</i> .  Impressionism Expressionism including serialism Neo-classicism
Into the Twenty-first century 1980 - present	Detailed study of 2 set works.  Thomas Ades, <i>Asyla, movement 3, Ecstasio</i> <b>and</b> Sally Beamish, <i>String Quartet No 2 (Opus California) Movements 1 (Boardwalk) and 4 (Natural Beamish)</i>  Representative European composers: Hans Werner-Henze, Witold Lutoslawski, Kaija Saariaho, Sofia Gubaidulina, Sally Beamish, Judith Weir, Mark-Anthony Turnage, Thomas Ades.

# MAKE THE SWITCH TO A BOARD THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU

Switching to Eduqas could be the best move you make.

You'll gain access to an unbeatable range of free teaching resources, and our team of subject specialists are on hand to give you all the help and advice you need.

Whether you're with AQA, OCR or Pearson (Edexcel), you can rest assured that switching to Eduqas is straightforward. Simply follow this guide, compare our specifications, and make the switch!

## MAKING THE SWITCH

Switching to Eduqas is simple, just follow these quick and easy steps:

1. Follow our switcher guide for your subject.
2. Register your interest at [www.eduqas.co.uk/switch](http://www.eduqas.co.uk/switch) and receive a printed copy of your chosen specification(s).
3. Visit your qualification page at [www.eduqas.co.uk/qualification](http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualification), to access the materials you need to begin teaching our specifications.
4. Visit our Digital Resources Website ([resources.eduqas.co.uk](http://resources.eduqas.co.uk)), for free resources that can be used as classroom aids and as revision tools.
5. Contact our subject specialists for subject specific queries, practical advice and guidance.
6. Your Exams Officer will need to register your centre, if your centre is not already registered with us.
7. Once registered, your Exams Officer will be able to provide you with access to our Secure Website ([www.wjecservices.co.uk](http://www.wjecservices.co.uk)), which hosts a wealth of resources that are not available elsewhere.

## WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

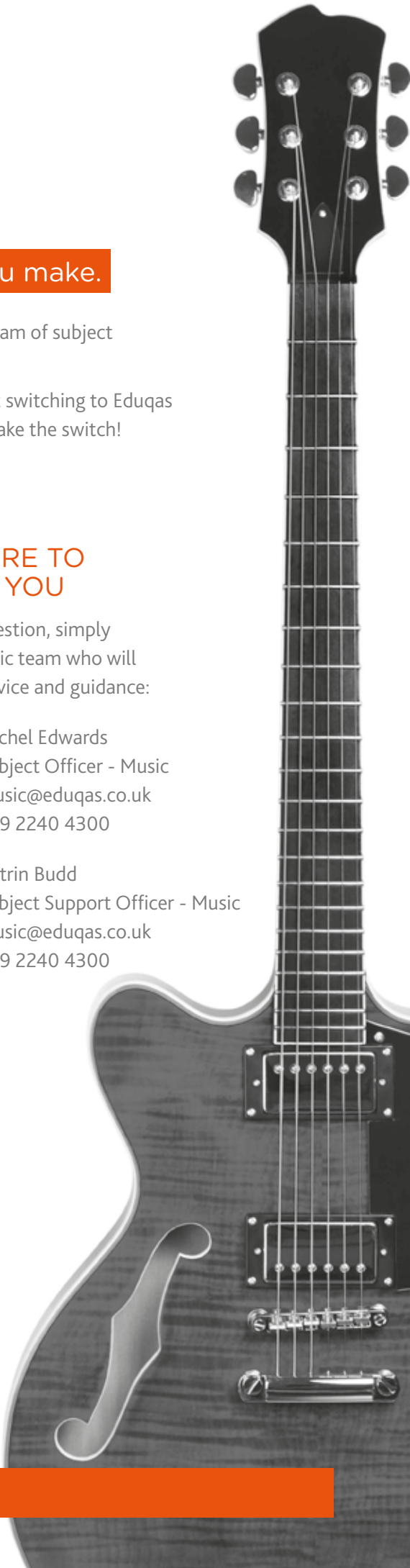
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# HELPING YOU MAKE THE SWITCH - COMPARING SPECIFICATIONS

	Compulsory Areas of Study	Any options or choices?	No of set works
Eduqas AS	The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1830)	Choose 1 from Rock and pop / Jazz/ Musical Theatre	2 movements from a symphony
Eduqas A Level	The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1900)	As above, and choose one of Into the 20th Century / Into 21st Century.  Option of increased Performance or Composition	1 symphony 2 short pieces of either 20th/21st century music
AQA A Level	Western Classical Tradition 1650-1910	Choose 2 of Pop Music / Music for Media / Music for Theatre / Jazz / Contemporary Traditional Music / Art Music since 1910	Up to 14, depending on options selected ranging from complete sonatas to operatic arias.
OCR AS	Instrumental music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven  Popular Song: Blues, Jazz, Swing and Big Band.	Choose one from Instrumental Jazz / Baroque Religious music / Programme Music / Innovation in music	5-7 depending on options chosen  These change annually
OCR A Level	Instrumental music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven  Popular Song: Blues, Jazz, Swing and Big Band.	Choose two from the list above  Option of increased Performance or Composition	6  These change annually
Edexcel A level	Vocal Music Instrumental Music Music for Film Popular Music and Jazz Fusions New Directions	None	13 are listed, but a number of these comprise several movements / sections



Whichever board you are swapping from, Performing and Composing will be very similar. There are also parts of the Appraising Component which will be transferable in terms of the content as well as the skills of analysis and aural discrimination.

- If you are swapping from Edexcel, the following list of set works will be relevant to Eduqas:
- Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*, Movement 1 (link to AoS A)
  - Kate Bush, *Hounds of Love: Cloudbusting, And dream of sheep, and Under ice*  
Beatles, *Revolver: Eleanor Rigby, Here, there and everywhere, I want to tell you, and Tomorrow never knows* (link to AoS B)
  - Debussy, *Estampes: Nos. 1 and 2 (Pagodes and La soirée dans Grenade)*  
Cage, *Three Dances for two prepared pianos: No. 1*  
Kaija Saariaho, *Petals for Violoncello and Live Electronics*  
Stravinsky, *The Rite of Spring: Introduction, The Augurs of Spring, and Ritual of Abduction* (link to AoS E/F)

- If you are swapping from AQA, the following specified artists and composers will be relevant to Eduqas:
- Stevie Wonder  
Joni Mitchell (link to AoS B)
  - Richard Rodgers  
Stephen Sondheim  
Claude-Michel Shonberg (link to AoS C)
  - Louis Armstrong  
Duke Ellington  
Charlie Parker  
Miles Davis(link to AoS D)
  - Steve Reich  
James MacMillan (link to AoS F)
- If you are swapping from OCR, the following areas of study will be relevant to Eduqas:
- Popular Song: Blues, Jazz, Swing and Big Band. (link to AoS B/C)
  - Developments in Instrumental Jazz 1910 to the present day (link to AoS C)
  - Programme Music 1820 – 1910 (link to AoS A)
  - Innovation in music 1900 to the present day (link to AoS E/F)

TEACHERS WHO HAVE MADE THE SWITCH

- “ A well balanced, accessible and interesting course. I recommend”
- “Much prefer this spec with its emphasis on the deep learning of fewer styles and pieces. Very happy with visiting performance examiner and (so far) very fair composition marking”
- “ I am loving it as it allows all kids to access the learning. There is also fantastic support”
- “Great spec. Great support. Great community. Win win”
- “Huge support from the board with Eduwas and an excellent network of teachers to share resources”

THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

FREE TAILORED MUSIC DIGITAL RESOURCES

We’ve created a wealth of free digital resources to support our qualifications. They have been developed to enhance learning, stimulate classroom discussion, and encourage student engagement. Access our resources today at [resources.eduqas.co.uk](https://resources.eduqas.co.uk)

REGIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

Whether you are a teacher, lecturer, exams officer or head of department, our Regional Support Team is on-hand to make sure you receive all the support and guidance you need.

We cover every part of England and can provide face-to-face and online advice at a time which is convenient to you.

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONTACT US

- All of our regional representatives are former teachers, and therefore understand exactly what kind of support you need to get the most out of your classroom experience.
- Support can be face-to-face or online and at a time and location which suits you.
- With their extensive knowledge of our qualifications, you’ll get the insight you need to help you deliver our qualifications with confidence.
- You’ll receive practical advice on the best resources for your subject including our extensive range of digital resources, Question Bank and Online Exam Review
- We also offer support for teachers new to a particular subject or thinking about joining us, in which we run through assessment structure, exam papers, and where to find various resources you will need for teaching.
- Support from our team - including visits - is FREE

MEET THE TEAM

Get in contact today and discover how our team can support you and your students. To book a visit or to find out more, please visit our [Regional Support Team webpages](#).

WE’RE ON HAND TO SUPPORT YOU AND OFFER GUIDANCE ON OUR QUALIFICATIONS AND RESOURCES.

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