

Resource list: Music

This list suggests resources you can use to support your teaching of our GCSE Music specification (8271). It contains suggestions but is not exhaustive. As well as books relevant to the four Areas of Study, any references to the Elements of Music, which also underpin this specification are generic across all genres of music. Any resources that teachers already have will be useful and relevant.

General Resources

Author	Title	Publisher
Coxon, A.S.	AQA GCSE Music Study Guide	Rhinegold
Coxon, A.S. & Kelleher, J	AQA GCSE Music Listening Tests	
TBA	AQA GCSE Music Revision Guide	
Berkley & Richard	GCSE Music Literacy Workbook	Rhinegold
Charlton, A.	Music Composition Workbook Volume 1	Rhinegold
Michael, R.	Classroom Small Band Jazz	
	Many listening, composing and general support books aimed at GCSE level	Renaissance Publications available at renrec.co.uk

The Western Classical Tradition

Author	Title	Publisher
Abraham, G.	The Concise Oxford History of Music	Oxford
Benham & York	Baroque Music in Focus	Rhinegold
Robbins Landon, H.C. and Mitchell, D. ed.	The Mozart Companion	Faber
Arnold, D. and Fortune, N. ed.	The Beethoven Companion	Faber

Samson, J.	The Music of Chopin	Clarendon Press
Perrey, B.	The Cambridge Companion to Schumann	Cambridge Companions to Music
Jenkins, L.	Romanticism in Focus	Rhinegold
Steinberg, M.	Gabriel Fauré: Requiem, Op. 48 Choral Masterworks: A Listener's Guide	Oxford University Press
Rosen, D.	Verdi: Requiem	Cambridge University Press
Jenkins, L.	Modernism in Focus	Rhinegold
Young, P. M.	Britten (Masters of Music)	Ernest Benn Limited
Benham, H.	John Tavener: His Life and Music	Aldershot: Ashgate
Bowman & Cole	Sound Matters	Schott
Mellers, W.	Music in a New Found Land	Barrie & Rockcliffe
Griffiths, P.	A Concise History of Modern Music	Thames and Hudson
Grout, D. J.	A History of Western Music	W. W. Norton and Company
Ross, A.	The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century	Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Bailey, A.	The Cambridge Companion to Bartók	Cambridge Companions to Music
Breuer, J.	A Guide to Kodály	Corvina Books

Popular Music

Author	Title	Publisher
Ventura, D.	Understanding Popular Music	Rhinegold
Coxon, A.S. and Rockschool	Rock your GCSE Music	Rhinegold
Ventura, D. Film	Music in Focus	Rhinegold
Terry, P.	Musicals in Focus	Rhinegold

Cripps, C.	Popular Music in the 20th Century	Cambridge University Press
Bricheno, Nickol & Winterson	Pop Music: The Text Book	Peters Edition
Shuker, R.	Popular Music: The Key Concepts	Routledge
Frith, Shaw & Street	Cambridge Companion to Pop and Rock	Cambridge University Press
Pedler, D.	The Song-writing Secrets of The Beatles	Omnibus Press, London
Jackson, A.	The World of Big Bands	David & Charles
Everett, W. A. & Laird, P. R.	The Cambridge Companion to the Musical	Cambridge University Press
Evans, M.	Musicals Facts, Figures & Fun	ff&f
Wikitext	Santana: The Complete Guide	Pedia Press
Roy, M.	Cuban Music: From Son and Rumba to the Buena Vista Social Club and Timba Cubana	Weiner (Markus) Publishing inc.

Traditional Music

Author	Title	Publisher
Knight, R. & Doherty, C.	The Teacher's Guide to World Music	Rhinegold
Sharma, E.	Music Worldwide	Cambridge University Press
Miller & Shahriari	World Music	Routledge
Stock, J.	World Sound Matters	Schott
Sweers, B.	Electric Folk: The Changing Face of Traditional English Folk Music	Oxford University Press
	All Music Guide to the Blues: The Definitive Guide to the Blues	Hal Leonard Corp

Composing

Author	Title	Publisher
Binns, C.	Composing: A Student's Guide	Nelson
Rooksby, R.	Melody: How to write great tunes	Backbeat Music
Healey, M. & Brown, A.	How to Write Great Songs	Flame Tree Publishing
Lowe, D.	How to Write Great Music	lulu.com

General websites

Website	Description
soundjunction.org	Many listening and interactive resources.
hitsquad.com	Free downloadable music software.
naxos.com/education/introduction.asp	Information on Western Classical music.
naxos.com/education/glossary.asp	Glossary of musical terms.
worldmusic.about.com	World Music Resources.
oxfordmusiconline.com	Access to Grove Dictionary online (subscription required).
efdss.org/efdss-education/resource-bank/resources-and-teaching-tools	Resources and teaching tools from English Folk Dance and Song Society.

BBC Bitesize website

Website	Description
bbc.co.uk/education/guides/ztx3b9q/revision	Information about Blues music.
bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zckthyc/revision	Information about traditional music from the British Isles.
bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zk26yrd	Class clip and learner guide on Minimalist music.

bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z27fyrd/revision	Information about Musical Theatre.
bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zjrfgk7	Class clip on Handel's 'Zadok the Priest'.
bbc.co.uk/education/clips/znwcd2p	Class clip on Handel, the pianoforte and oratorio.
bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z9qmsbk/resources/1	Class clip on Mozart, melodic writing and the symphony, with references to Haydn.
bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zw3pvcw	Class clip of a profile of Beethoven.

Performance websites

Website	Description
YouTube.com	Youtube provides many excellent sources of performances, relevant programmes, DJ techniques instructions, etc.
djschoolUK.org.uk	Leeds-based school that teaches DJ and Music production skills.
futuredjs.org	FutureDJs tutoring service.
asc4music.co.uk	Examples of solo and ensemble pieces.