

# Preparation for AQA A-Level Music

## General Listening

Spotify Playlists for 3 Areas of Study. These include music that we study in-depth at A-Level. It is important that you're familiar with it before we start analysing it in-depth.

AOS1 AQA A-Level: Western Classical Tradition 1650-1910:

[https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5Zd2oOOzqELn9ZvOtzGK6U?si=WJI3I781TF6P9vo\\_fAAAnw](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5Zd2oOOzqELn9ZvOtzGK6U?si=WJI3I781TF6P9vo_fAAAnw)

AOS2 AQA A-Level: Pop Music

[https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0cO3enGXlJx3Kdmv9EdnC?si=j2c29bPWS\\_ub\\_Im-N0wVJw](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0cO3enGXlJx3Kdmv9EdnC?si=j2c29bPWS_ub_Im-N0wVJw)

AOS3 AQA A-Level: Music for Media

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/049ta0tFcHRkzn8ckz4rq6?si=CcN862YPQSmcc90RnHOcOA>

## General Reading

The following books are used as core texts and we recommend you purchase them for personal study. You can often find them used or new on eBay for a reduced price.

AQA AS and A Level Music Study Guide

<http://www.rhinegoldeducation.co.uk/product/aqa-as-and-a-level-music-study-guide/>

AQA A Level Music Revision Guide

<http://www.rhinegoldeducation.co.uk/product/aqa-a-level-music-revision-guide/>

## Essential Theory

Studying A-Level Music requires much more in-depth analysis of music from the Areas of Study. To access this level of analysis it is essential that you have a solid grasp of music theory. The equivalent of ABRSM Grade 5 Theory or above is necessary to access top grades.

Resources for ABRSM Grade 5 theory can be found here:

<https://gb.abrsm.org/en/our-exams/music-theory-exams/music-theory-grade-5/>

Free online theory resources:

Fundamentals of Music Theory (mooc) <https://www.coursera.org/learn/edinburgh-music-theory?action=enroll>

MusicTheory.net <https://www.musictheory.net/>

## How to Listen to Music – Listening Tasks (compulsory)

Complete the attached listening exercises to prepare yourself for listening more analytically at A-Level