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MUSIC – Unit 2
Composing

Composition Brief for submission in 2019

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INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR CANDIDATES

You are permitted to compose for any appropriate combination of instruments/voices, unless otherwise stipulated in the brief.

You are advised to compose a piece between **2-3 minutes** in length in order to satisfy the assessment criteria requirement to develop ideas.

The composition must be monitored by your teacher three times during the composition process as part of the authentication process.

You must complete and sign a composition log giving details of the composition process.

You must write an evaluation of the composition.

After the composition has been submitted and assessed by your teacher you are not permitted to add to or amend the piece.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IN THE COMPOSITION LOG)

All secondary source materials, such as musical quotes or pre-composed samples, must be clearly acknowledged and any work which is not entirely your own must be identified. Software packages must be listed with an explanation of how they have been used. Any musical influences you may have used must also be acknowledged in the composition log.

Set briefs

You must compose a piece of music in response to **one** of the following set briefs.

1. Musical Forms and Devices

Compose a piece of music in Theme and Variation form, to be submitted in a local Young Composer's competition. (You must compose your own theme and include a minimum of one variation).

2. Music for Ensemble

Compose a piece of music for **either** three voices **or** three instruments (i.e. a trio) to be performed in a concert organized in aid of Tŷ Hafan.

3. Film Music

Compose music to accompany the opening scene of a new film set in Wales '*More Adventures of a Teenage Dragonslayer*'.

4. Popular Music

Compose a song in Reggae style to be performed by young performers taking part in a summer music festival 'Barry Beach Rocks'.

Composition evidence

You will be required to provide the following evidence when you submit your composition for assessment.

1. An audio recording of the composition.
2. A score **or** a detailed written description of the music accompanied by an outline of the melody and chords used.
3. A signed composition log outlining the development process and acknowledgements. Please use the template available on the WJEC website.
4. An evaluation of the piece composed in response to the chosen brief.