

Study Guide For Year 8 End of Year Music Exam

There will be three main sections in the exam:

1. An **aural skills section** involving recognition of rhythm patterns, time signatures and pitch patterns
2. A **listening section** testing your understanding of the **concepts of music** and the types of pieces studied in class this semester from the **Rock history unit**.
3. A **short answer and multiple choice section** based on the semester topics **Building Blocks of Music and Rock history** as well as general **music theory**.

So, in order to get the most out of your music study, take your folder home, and make sure it is organised properly. Then...

For **section 1: Aural skills** know all your note values, names of notes and time signatures

For **section 2: listening**, revise everything you've got on the concepts of music. ie **Pitch, duration** (or rhythm), **tone colour, structure, texture and dynamics**
Learn these off by heart.

Use the concepts of music sheet from your assignment to help you practise your listening skills on pieces you're not very familiar with.

Try listening to a range of music styles including classical to popular and rock from different eras.

For **section 3: short answer & multiple choice**, study all handouts, previous tests and class work from our Building Blocks and Rock History units.

Revise the contents of your theory book.

Make sure you know all about chords or triads including primary triads, any chord progressions eg 12 bar blues, melody writing guidelines, with and without accompanying chords.

Learn features of rock from different decades, and focus particularly on 50's rock n' roll and the career and music of the Beatles, as provided in your handout.