

Table 3. Areas of study and set works specified by examination boards across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland (as of 2025–26)

Country	Specification (First Teaching)	Area of Study	Set Work	Composer / Artist (* Most Cited)
ENGLAND	Edexcel (2016)	Instrumental Music 1700–1820	Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D – 3rd Movement	* Johann Sebastian Bach
			Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor – 1st Movement	* Ludwig van Beethoven
		Vocal Music	Music for a While	Henry Purcell
			Killer Queen	* Queen
		Stage and Screen	Wicked – Defying Gravity	Stephen Schwartz
			Star Wars: Episode IV – Title / Rebel Blockade Runner	* John Williams
		Fusion	Release	Afro Celt
			Samba Em Prelúdio	* Esperanza Spalding
	AQA (2016)	Western Classical 1650–1910	Symphony No. 1 – 1st Movement	* Ludwig van Beethoven
		Popular Music	Bohemian Rhapsody / Seven Seas of Rhye / Love of my Life	* Queen
		Traditional Music	I Know You Know / Little Fly / I Adore You	* Esperanza Spalding
		Western Classical since 1910	Hungarian Pictures – 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Movements	Béla Bartók
	OCR (2016)	My Music	n/a	
		The Concerto Through Time	n/a	
		Rhythms of the World	n/a	
		Film Music	n/a	
		Conventions of Pop	n/a	
	WJEC Eduqas (2016)	Musical Forms and Devices	Orchestral Suite No.2 in B minor – Badinerie	* Johann Sebastian Bach
		Popular Music	Africa	Toto
WALES	WJEC Made for Wales (2025)	List A	Concerto for Two Trumpets in C – 1st Movement	Antonio Vivaldi
			Palladio – Allegretto	Karl Jenkins
			Elizabeth Remembered	Debbie Wiseman
		List B	Hwyl Ti, Gymru	Fleur De Lys
			Tale of Two Dragons	Calan
			One Day Like This	Elbow

NORTHERN IRELAND	CCEA (2017)		Hamilton – Burn	Lin-Manuel Miranda
			I Don't Wanna Know	Mared
			Sir Duke	Stevie Wonder
		Western Classical 1600–1910	The Messiah – For Unto Us a Child is Born	George Frideric Handel
			Horn Concerto No. 4 in Eb major – 3rd Movement	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
			Symphonie Fantastique – March Au Supplice	Hector Berlioz
		Film Music	The Dam Busters March	Eric Coates
			Superman – Main Theme	* John Williams
			The Amazing Spider-Man, Main Title – Young Peter	James Horner
		Musical Traditions of Ireland	Prelude Polka / Paddy's Polka No. 2 / Millstream Reel	Beoga
			Fife Medley – Boys of Belfast / The Girl I Left Behind	Stonewall Folk Group
		Popular Music since 1980	Sweet Dreams	Eurythmics
			Burn Baby Burn	Ash
			Cosmic Love	Florence and the Machine