



Ministry of Education
SINGAPORE

ANNEX A

**APPLICATION FOR GCE O-LEVEL MUSIC COURSE (2021 - 2022)
INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS**

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The application for the GCE O-Level Music course 2021– 2022 is now open to all students who will be in either the
 - (a) Secondary 3 Express or Normal (Academic) course, or
 - (b) Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) course in 2021.

BACKGROUND

- 2 The O-Level Music course is for students with a strong interest to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of music beyond the foundations laid by the primary and lower secondary music syllabus. It is also suitable for students who have musical performance background from experiences in CCAs, school-based music programmes or external music-related activities.

SYLLABUS COVERAGE

- 3 The revised O-Level Music syllabus implemented since 2019 is intended to engage a wider profile of students through rich and integrated experiences in Listening, Creating and Performing. The syllabus was also revised to give students more opportunities to explore a wide range of musical genres and styles, through creating and performing activities as well, both individually and in groups.
- 4 Through listening, creating and performing, students will learn a diverse range of musical contexts in the following Areas of Study (AoS) and related genres/traditions:

Area of Study (AoS)	Genre / Tradition
1. Western Classical	Solo Instrumental Music Chamber Music Symphony
2. Asian Music	Music of Traditional Malay Dances Chinese Ensemble Music Indian Ensemble Music Javanese Gamelan
3. Jazz	Traditional Jazz Swing Bebop Cool Jazz
4. Popular Music	Late 1960s Pop-Rock

Area of Study (AoS)	Genre / Tradition
	Synth-Pop Soul/R&B
5. Music in Multimedia	Music in Film, Television and Advertising

- 5 Interested applicants can approach their school's Music Coordinators first for more information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED

- 6 Students studying in schools that do not offer O-Level Music are to apply for the course online at <https://go.gov.sg/2021olevelmusiccourse>. Email address of applicant's school Music coordinator and a link to applicant's video submissions (more info below) will be required.
- 7 **All applicants are required to submit both components of the Selection Exercise – (i) a recorded performance, and (ii) video response to aural imitation & creating tasks – as part of the course application, regardless of their attainment of certifications by external examination boards.** This is because the GCE O-Level Music course is open to all students and follows a different syllabus from external examination boards. The details of the 2 components are as follows:

Component	Task Instructions	Details of submission	Deadline
Component 1: Recorded performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform and video-record two contrasting (e.g. different style, tradition, mood) solo pieces on an instrument or voice Accompaniment is not required and <u>will not</u> affect the assessment of the performance The performance should be no longer than 5 minutes in total (If it exceeds, only the first 5 minutes will be assessed) Video-recording(s) must be made not more than 3 months before the application deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload the video-recording(s) onto either Dropbox or Google Drive Any of the following video formats will be accepted: MP4, M4V, AVI, FLV, MOV. Save the video-recording file(s) using the following file name format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL_NAME OF STUDENT_INSTRUMENT_TITLE(S) OF PIECE(S) Submit the link(s) to the video-recording(s) for Component 1 together with the online application for the course. Adjust the privacy settings so that anyone with the link(s) is able to view the file(s) 	3 August 2020 6pm
Component 2: Video response to aural imitation & creating tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small set of aural imitation & creating tasks will be released via email to all applicants on 7 August 2020, 3pm These tasks require students to clap and sing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload Component 2 video response to aural imitation & creating tasks onto the same Dropbox or Google Drive folder using the following file format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL_NAME OF STUDENT_TASK (NUMBER) 	14 August 2020 6pm

- 8 Video-recordings should be done in a single take without edits and can be done on handphone or other personal device. Applicants should be in school uniform and ensure that their face and playing posture (including pedalling if any) are clearly visible in the videos. Once the videos are uploaded, applicants should preview and test the links to their video-recordings before submitting in the online application form.

- 9 Applicants may approach their school's Music coordinator for assistance should they face issues.
- 10 Applicants who have composed music could upload their scores/recordings in the same folder containing the performance video-recordings (please note that this is not a mandatory requirement).
- 11 Applications with late submissions will not be accepted unless valid reasons are provided (e.g. medical).

O-LEVEL MUSIC CENTRES

- 12 Successful applicants will attend music classes held weekly at one of the following centres in the afternoon. The duration of each class is approximately 3 hours. They will be invited to choose their centres in September 2020. All centres take in students of both genders. Posting of applicants is done on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 13 The list of O-Level centres below serves as a guide and is subject to change. An updated list will be provided in the Selection Form for successful applicants in September 2020.

No	Centre	Address
1	Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School	751 Yishun Avenue 7
2	Ang Mo Kio Secondary School	6 Ang Mo Kio Street 22
3	Catholic High School	9 Bishan Street 22
4	Chung Cheng High School (Main)	50 Goodman Road
5	CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School	501 Ang Mo Kio St 13
6	Crescent Girls' School	357 Tanglin Road
7	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)	11 Blackmore Drive
8	St. Margaret's Secondary School	111 Farrer Road
9	Tanjong Katong Girls' School	20 Dunman Lane
10	Yuhua Secondary School	35 Jurong West Street 41

TIMELINE

- 14 The application timeline is as follows:

Date	Course of Action
5 June to 3 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for the GCE O- Level Music course online and upload all the necessary supporting documents at https://go.gov.sg/2021olevelmusiccourse • Ensure that applicant's and parent's/guardian's email addresses are correct and active (Component 2 task will be sent via this)
By 7 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants and Music coordinators will receive Component 2 tasks by 3pm via their email
14 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants have to upload their video response to Component 2 tasks in the same folder containing their audition videos by 6pm

End-September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants will receive the outcome of the Selection Exercise through their schools • Successful applicants will receive a notification letter to select O-Level Music centres • More information such as the selection deadline and the available O-Level Music centres will be provided in the notification letter
November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful applicants will receive notification on the posting outcome through their schools

CLARIFICATION

- 15 For more information, students may approach the Music Coordinators from their respective schools. Alternatively, they may also contact:

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