



# A LEVEL MUSIC

COMPOSITION



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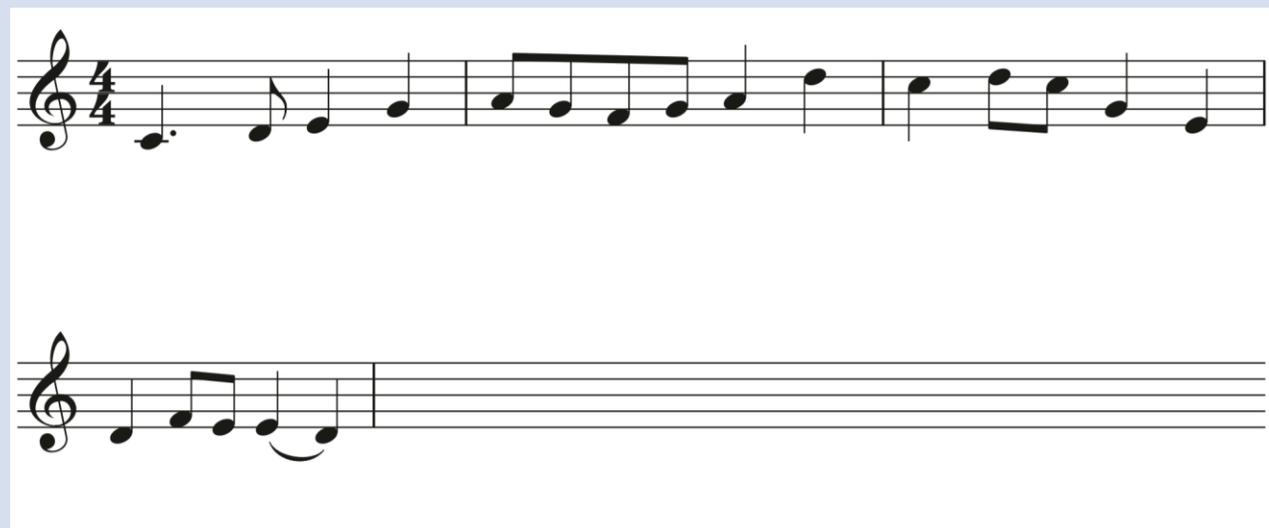
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## COMPOSING TASK TWO: MELODY

Here is a four-bar melody. Compose another four bars, developing the melody using melodic devices. Some of the ways that you could do this include:

- Repeating the melody (or part of it) in sequence
- Repeat the melody, adding ornaments or other decoration; or
- Compose a completely new, but contrasting melody, that can act as an answer in a question and answer format.



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff contains a four-bar melody in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The notes are: Bar 1: quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5; Bar 2: quarter note D5, quarter note E5, quarter note F5, quarter note G5; Bar 3: quarter note G5, quarter note F5, quarter note E5, quarter note D5; Bar 4: quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4. The bottom staff is empty, with a treble clef and a few notes from the previous staff visible at the beginning, serving as a template for the student's response.

Notate your response and bring it to your first composition lesson in September. You will find manuscript paper to download and print here: <https://www.music-for-music-teachers.com/staff-paper-pdf.html>

## MUSIC THEORY

- It is essential that you build up a good understanding of music theory throughout the course. So that we can assess your current level of knowledge on this, please complete test 1 on the document [Grade-5-ten-tests-2020-10.pdf](#)
- Please print out this document and fill in your responses and then bring this into school for your first lesson.