

Student Name: Clarke Dewhurst
Project No. and Title: Initial Assessment

Overall Grade: GOOD
Assessor(s): Nicolas Sykes
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Exemplification for UAL Awarding Body Grade Criteria – Level 3

This guide is to be used in conjunction with the assessment and grading criteria for UAL Awarding Body qualifications at Level 3.

	Referral Work submitted fails to meet one or more of the assessment criteria and is of a poor standard	Satisfactory Work submitted meets all of the assessment criteria and is of a satisfactory standard	Good Work submitted meets all assessment criteria and is of a high standard	Excellent Work submitted meets all assessment criteria and is of a very high standard
Practical skills	Limited range of processes demonstrated, judgement and execution of techniques is poor.	Adequate range of processes, skills and knowledge demonstrated. Competent execution and application of techniques used to develop ideas.	Consistent and appropriate processes, skills and knowledge applied to extend enquiry and develop creative solutions.	In depth understanding and aesthetic awareness, imaginative and flexible processes, skills and knowledge applied in extensive enquiry to develop creative solutions.
Evaluation and reflection	Insufficient evidence of ongoing evaluation, lack of or only basic analysis and little or no justification for ideas.	Clearly communicated evidence of valid evaluation and realistic analysis independently used to inform and develop ideas.	Effective communication of analysis and interpretation, independent synthesis of information and application of reasoned decision making to inform development of ideas.	Accomplished and professional communication of perceptive analysis and interpretation, demonstrating clarity and sophistication in thinking and maturity in decision making to progress ideas.

Comments:

Well done Clarke, you have completed initial assessment to a good standard. Firstly, well done on completing your initial assessment and selecting "Hammer to Fall" from Queen's Live Aid 1985 performance. Choosing a familiar song you resonate with is a smart choice, especially when time is limited.

Positives:

1. Choice of Piece:

- Your choice of "Hammer to Fall" reflects your deep appreciation for Queen's music and the iconic Live Aid performance. This personal connection adds a genuine touch to your performance.

2. Successes in Your Performance:

- Maintaining good timing, structure, rhythm, and tone in your performance, especially after a long break, is commendable. Your second attempt demonstrates your musical intuition and adaptability.
- Your mastery of the tremolo arm and chord phrasing showcases your technical proficiency.

3. Learning Process:

- Your approach to learning, which includes YouTube tutorials, observations of other musicians, and extensive listening, underscores your dedication to mastering the piece. This multifaceted strategy reflects your commitment to musical growth.

Negatives:

1. Areas Needing Improvement:

- The solo section of your performance fell short, with missed notes, muting issues, and sloppiness. Recognizing these areas for improvement is a positive step toward enhancing your soloing skills.
- Your awareness of the need for improvement in timing, rhythm, solo execution, and song structure is constructive. It demonstrates your self-awareness and willingness to address weaknesses.

2. Audio Quality and Clarity:

- Your recognition of audio mixing issues and the importance of clear sound for your audience is insightful. It highlights your awareness of the overall presentation of your performance.

In summary, your feedback combines both positive aspects of your performance and constructive criticisms, setting a solid foundation for your musical development. With dedication to practice and focused effort on the identified areas, you'll make significant progress in your musical journey.

Just like Queen's Live Aid performance served as inspiration for you, your dedication to improvement is a promising sign for your future as a musician. Keep up the good work!

Please now set yourself three SMART targets to improve after receiving this feedback.