

Candidate 5 evidence

Riffs ,chords and loops

Performance plan

Key of G 4 Beats in bar.

1. Fade in with broken chord bass riff over chords of G, C, Am , Cm6 D leads into verse
2. Verse based on chords G Em Am D X 4
3. Bridge based on Am C Am C D
4. Back to bass riff
5. Improvised solo based on chords of G, C, Am, Cm6,x2
6. D leads into verse to fade.

Instruments used.

Lead, Bass and rhythm guitars with pedal effects reverb and delay.

Drum loop imported from garage band.

National 5 Music assignment

Candidate name:

Candidate number:

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Composing review

The composing review for National 5 Music must include a summary of:

- ◆ the main decisions you have made
- ◆ the ways in which you have explored and developed your musical ideas
- ◆ strengths and/or areas which may be improved

I play guitars and like the music of Mac Demarco so wanted to try to copy the spacy sound he creates in his music.

I explored some drum loops from garage band until I found the one with the feel and tempo I liked.

I came up with an idea for a bass riff which I really liked so decided to use it over a chord pattern. I experimented with several chords and came up with G, C, Am, Cm6. The riff followed this chord pattern and I started with just the riff. Then I realised it was too long without anything happening so I decided to fade in the riff idea with the chords at the beginning.

I used chord of D to lead into the verse.

For the verse I wanted a change so I used the chord pattern of chords G Em Am D each for 2 beats and repeated this four times.

I then wanted a bridge section and experimented with various ideas before deciding on a bridge based on chords of Am C Am C D.

I decided to return to my bass riff and then wanted to improvise so improvised over the chords of G, C, Am, Cm6,x2 . To finish off I returned to the verse and then faded.

I played all the parts myself using my effects pedals.

I think I have captured the spacy feel I wanted and think my riff idea works really well. I am glad I decided to fade in and out as the first and last sections were too long and too repetitive.

I could have added some vocals like Mac Demarco but I'm not a very good singer so decided against it.