

Section 1:

#1 Opening Paragraph Strengths:

- Vivid imagery effectively draws readers in with the stark contrast between disengaged students and the transformative power of music
- Strong emotional appeal through sensory details like "calloused hands" and "lyrical wave"

Weakness: Abrupt Transition → Your transition from the imagery to your thesis statement feels rushed. The phrase "Pursuing music as a hobby or a potential career brings many benefits" appears suddenly without building naturally from your opening scene.

Exemplar: "As these students discover the transformative power of music, they unlock countless benefits that every child deserves to experience, from cognitive development to career opportunities."

#2 Second Paragraph Strengths:

- Effective integration of scientific research to support claims
- Clear connection between music and cognitive benefits

Weakness: Underdeveloped Analysis → Your discussion of the research findings could be more thorough. You introduce the concept of "white-matter in the corpus callosum" but don't explain its significance to your readers.

Exemplar: "The increased white-matter development in the corpus callosum, which connects the brain's hemispheres, enhances communication between different parts of the brain, leading to improved cognitive function and learning capabilities."

#3 Fourth Paragraph Strengths:

- Addresses potential counterarguments about career reliability
- Provides flexibility in viewing music as both career and hobby

Weakness: Overgeneralisation → Your statement "you wouldn't be pursuing it if you weren't high level" makes broad assumptions and oversimplifies the complexity of music industry success.

Exemplar: "While success in the music industry requires dedication and skill, those who develop their talents to a professional level often find diverse opportunities in performance, education, therapy, or production."

Actionable Task: Rewrite your opening paragraph, creating a smoother transition between your descriptive scene and thesis statement by gradually connecting the emotional impact of music to its concrete benefits.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

#1 Imagine seeing bored children lying at their desks, fading into their shadows as the teacher's monotone washes over them, their education almost worthless as everything goes through one ear and out another. Imagine their calloused hands begging for a moment of rest, studying in vain, the meaning of learning and their lives were unclear. But then they hear the noise, a melody of a new opportunity, a lyrical wave crashing over them, bringing them back to their senses with the alluring sound of a new door being opened. Inside that door would be something that could change their lives forever, a musical instrument. ~~Pursuing music as a hobby or a potential career brings many benefits that every child should have an opportunity at music.~~ [Through pursuing music, whether as a hobby or potential career, children can access transformative benefits that should be available to all.]

#2 First of all, music can improve cognitive development. Simply reading the music can improve our memory and also music incorporates many sensory inputs, like visual, auditory and physical touch. A study by Steele, C. J., Bailey, J. A., Zatorre, R. J., & Penhune, V. B. (2013) published in the Journal of Neuroscience, 33(3), 1282-1290 stated that early music training (during childhood) could increase more white-matter in the corpus callosum. This demonstrates the positive effects musical education has on the brain.

In addition, musical education has a therapeutic effect on emotional growth. Learning to play a musical instrument is a relaxing experience overall but it can also provide a space to express your stress and anxiety. Playing an instrument releases endorphins, which can make you feel happier and less stressed, improving your mental health. It doesn't matter if you're not very skilled, music can become a form of self-care and a source of positivity in life. These examples exemplify how music can improve your mental health.

#3 Furthermore, music can provide an opportunity to pursue your hobby as a career. There are so many options in the music industry, and you will be able to enjoy your job too! If some children don't want to pursue a musical career, then you can always keep it as a hobby as it has many benefits stated in the above paragraphs. ~~Although the music industry won't always be reliable, you wouldn't be pursuing it if you weren't high level, so it would be extremely probable that you~~

~~would receive a job.~~ [While success in the music industry requires dedication, those who develop professional-level skills often find diverse and rewarding career opportunities.] Music presents career opportunities that can suit your needs.

In conclusion, every child deserves to have these opportunities and benefits from music like enhanced memory, improved mental health and even pursue music as a career. Everyone deserves these opportunities and it's up to them to decide. What will you choose?