



GCSE Music

GCSE Music is a very varied and exciting option to take. You will study a wide range of activities including performing, composing and learning about different styles of music.

Personal Attributes Required:

You need to be able to sing or play an instrument to a reasonable standard. If you do not already play an instrument you must be keen to learn one, the music department provides instrument/ vocal lessons on a range of instruments, which you must attend as a GCSE student. You need to work hard and work well with others.

How will Music help me in the future?

GCSE Music will show employers you have a wide range of interests and skills, as well as demonstrating that you have shown dedication and commitment to learning a musical instrument and to studying music. GCSE Music can also help with confidence and performance skills needed in situations such as job interviews. Music GCSE is hard work, but equally one of the most enjoyable subjects to learn and succeed in.

Homework Expectations:

There is an expectation that students will complete a range of written and research tasks throughout the course. Students will also be expected to rehearse their chosen instrument or voice weekly and attend additional performance sessions rehearsals when necessary.



GCSE Music is made up of three components:

- **Listening exam (40%):** An exam paper with listening exercises and written questions using excerpts of music testing both familiar and unfamiliar pieces.
- **Composition (30%):** Students compose two pieces of music. One is a free choice and one is linked to a brief set by the exam board.
- **Performances (30%):** Students perform two pieces of music; one as a solo and one as an ensemble.