



GCSE Music

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Description

GCSE Music is a course which is designed to help develop subject knowledge, understanding and skills through listening to a variety of music, playing music and creating music. It focuses on four areas of study:

Musical Forms and Devices

Music for Ensemble

Film Music

Popular Music

Student Criteria

GCSE Music is the right course for students who:

- ⇒ Can already play or are interested in learning a musical instrument (including the voice)
- ⇒ Enjoy performing, creating and exploring a variety of styles of music
- ⇒ Wish to progress to further musical studies and wish to pursue a career in the creative industry
- ⇒ Wish to develop valuable transferable skills such as self-confidence, concentration, creativity, evaluation and team-work.

Course Structure

Component One

30%

Performing

Internally Assessed

Component Two

30%

Composing

Internally Assessed

Component Three

40%

Listening & Appraising

1hr 15 minutes Exam

Progression

What career could this lead to ?

This is a question that music teachers are frequently asked when it comes to choosing options and there are three answers worth considering:

- ⇒ You could become employed in the music or creative industry (of which there are just too many jobs to list here). This could include management and business jobs as well.
- ⇒ All jobs require discipline, creativity, communication, perseverance, imagination, self-confidence, concentration, team-work and leadership skills (skills that are taught in GCSE Music)
- ⇒ If your intended career is in a stressful environment it is important to have a relaxing hobby

What skills do you need?

It is very difficult to pass GCSE Music without learning a musical instrument. Therefore, to be successful in this course it is recommended that students learn to play at least one instrument throughout the duration of the course. The school has a variety of instrumental lessons available, all at subsidised rates.

