

Music

What will I learn?

In GCSE music you will learn to:

- Compose your own music in a variety of different styles, using your instruments and music technology. You will be able to use recording equipment, microphones, midi keyboards and other equipment to create your own music.
- Perform by playing any instrument, singing or rapping, beatboxing or DJing. Improve your performance skills by playing in groups and learning your own solo pieces.
- Listen to and begin to understand music in different styles, from different countries and cultures including pop, rock, jazz, classical, film and world music.

What skills do I need?

It is important to have:

- An interest in and enthusiasm for music.
- An open mind and creative imagination.
- An ability to enjoy making music by using an instrument, your voice or music technology such as sequencing and recording software.
- An ability to work independently and with others.
- A real interest in listening and appraising different styles of music.
- A committed approach to attending and actively participating in the department's extended-curricular programme.

Assessment

Examination

- Component 3: Appraising | approx 1 hour 15 mins | 40%

Non-examined assessment

- Component 1: Performing | performances of 4-6 mins | 30%
- Component 2: Composing | compositions duration of 3-6 mins | 30%

Could lead to:

GCSE music is a required preparation for further musical study, such as A-level/BTEC music and music technology. It is also studied at the majority of universities.

Music is useful for all vocations and career pathways as it encourages confidence, creative thinking and team work. It also allows students to use analytical thinking skills and develops their cultural awareness. Music does not limit you, it actually allows you to grow creatively.