

Subject: Music

What is the course about?

You will learn about a wide-range of musical styles and genres through a mixture of listening and practical activities – composing and performing.

As well as studying specific topics, you will have the freedom to develop your own musical interests, particularly when composing and performing, using appropriate music technology.



What topics will I study?

1. Understanding Music – Western classical tradition 1650-1910 and from 1910; Popular music; Traditional music. A combination of questions which involve listening to unfamiliar music as well as questions relating to the study of set works.
(Assessment – Listening Exam – 1 hour 30 minutes)
2. Performing music – two performances must be given and recorded (one solo and one ensemble).
3. Composition – two compositions (one to a brief and the other a free choice)

What activities will there be?

A combination of activities which integrate the key skills of listening, performing and composing and help you to develop your all-round musical understanding and theoretical knowledge. Much practical music-making alongside the study of particular topics and set pieces.

What percentage of the final grade is from coursework?

60% Coursework – two performances (30%) and two compositions (30%)

What about after Key Stage 4? (Careers and College)

Any Music or Performing Arts further education courses - Music or Music Technology

A GCSE subject recognised highly by many institutions/employers as part of a balanced range of GCSE qualifications to gain access to courses/apprenticeships which are not Music-related

Exam board and useful website?

AQA (www.aqa.org.uk)

