

Subject: Music

Qualification: GCSE

Exam Board: Edexcel

Specification Code: MU01



Who is the course for?



GCSE music is a very varied and exciting option to take. There are a wide range of activities tied up with the subject; performing, composing and learning about a wide range of musical styles.

This is a course for students who have a passion for music and are interested in developing their skills in composition, musical awareness and performance. You either need to be taking private lessons on your instrument or voice and be around or above a grade 3 standard. If you are unsure about this our Music teachers will advise you. You should also be committed and willing to participate in various extracurricular musical activities at school.

What will I learn?

- How to prepare for a solo and ensemble musical performance. This will involve working independently in order to develop practice skills on your chosen instrument or voice. You will then use those skills to participate in an ensemble. Some students will have the option to take a leadership role of directing the ensemble.
- How to compose various different styles of music, using both instruments and music technology programs such as Sibelius and Garageband.
- How to analyse various pieces of music; developing music awareness through aural skills and score reading.

How will I be assessed?



Performance element - 30% of the GCSE.

Two performances (solo and ensemble) are carried out during the second year of the course. If you are a multi-instrumentalist, you will have the option to perform on both.

Composition element - 30% of the GCSE.

Coursework consists of two pieces for the final assessment. One based on a brief from the examination board and the other is a 'free' composition. Both are to be completed during controlled conditions during school lessons.

Written exam - 40% of the GCSE

Students will sit a 1 hour 45 minute exam. This is a listening paper that consists of extracts from the 8 pieces of music studied.

How can I progress with this qualification?

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QEGS Sixth Form or Sixth Form College

A Level
Music/A Level Music
Technology/ Performing
Arts



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Composer, Performer,
Recording, Producing,
Theatre, Media, Music
Journalism, Coding,
Teacher, Music Retail,
Event Organisation, Teaching
and Broadcasting.