

GCSE MUSIC

The GCSE Music Course provides students with opportunities to make and respond to various types of music.

Pupils will also have the chance to make music with other students at various points throughout the school year.

We encourage all Music students to become involved in the extra-curricular life of the school as it helps to increase their confidence as well as develop their musical skills.



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GCSE Music helps students develop their understanding and appreciation of different kinds of music.

The course focuses on composing, performing and listening. Students have the opportunity to develop their own musical interests by performing and composing music in their chosen style.

GCSE Music enables students to:

1. Understand and appreciate various kinds of music while extending their own musical interests and skills
2. Communicate various thoughts, feelings and emotions through music and to take part in music-making
3. Broaden life-skills and attributes, including critical thinking, aesthetic sensitivity and emotional and cultural development
4. Develop a life-long interest in music and appreciate the extent of music related careers

There are 3 Assessment Objectives in Music. These are...

AO1: PERFORMING AND APPRAISING (35%):

Students have the opportunity to express their own musical preferences by performing individually and as part of a group. One of the performance pieces must relate to one of the Areas of Study

AO2: COMPOSING AND APPRAISING (30%):

Students are asked to create two pieces of music lasting 3-6 minutes in total. One composition must be related to an Area of Study. Each composition is accompanied by a composition log which shows the composition process evolve.

AO3: LISTENING AND APPRAISING (35%):

Students throughout the two-year course have the opportunity to listen to different types of music while analyzing and evaluating what they hear. In doing so they will increase their musical knowledge and understanding. A range of music is explored including pop and movie music. Areas of Study are: *Repeated Patterns in Music*, *Incidental Music* and *Vocal Music*.

The Areas of Study are examined through two listening papers each lasting 45 minutes.

Some thoughts on what the current GCSE Music students think of the subject...



