

GCSE : Music

Course Description

The course is designed to encourage students to be inspired, moved and changed by following a broad, coherent, satisfying and worthwhile programme of study. It enables students to engage actively in the study of music, developing cultural understanding, self-discipline, self-confidence and self-motivation. Students will go on to understand and appreciate the variety of different kinds of music, ranging from classical to rock, world music to musical theatre.

All pupils are eligible to follow the course, however it would be beneficial for students to have individual instrumental or vocal tuition, and also attend theory classes. All are provided by the school.

Examination Information

Performing (30%) one solo and one ensemble.

Composing (30%) two compositions.

Listening % Appraising (40%) via written examination paper.

Exam: 40 % / Coursework: 60%

This course leads to an
Edexcel : GCSE in 'Music'



Skills

Performing (solo and ensemble)

Composing

Listening

Evaluation skills

Appreciation of a range of music

Teaching & Learning

Students have access to the most up-to-date software and equipment for creating musical and effective compositions. Specialist subject teachers help to provide detailed analysis of works and encourage the learning of vocabulary / terms through a series of on-going listening classes to set works and related pieces. Advice is offered regarding choice of performances and composition ideas.

A computer with Internet access and a keyboard would be helpful. For performances, students are encouraged to take advice from staff and visiting peripatetic staff.

There will be opportunities to participate in many extra curricular events.

Progression to Further Education

A GCSE in Music will benefit students who wish to pursue A-level Music in the Sixth Form.



For further information please see
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