

GCSE Music

Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for students with strong music skills to become confident and experienced performers, composers and appraisers. You will learn about a variety of musical styles from classical forms to jazz and blues and Bhangra through composing, performing and appraising. You need to be an independent learner and a hard worker. The course would be suitable for experienced musicians who would like to develop their expertise.

What are the entry requirements?

- A passion for music with a desire to develop your musical skills.
- The ability to perform confidently on your chosen instrument or voice.
- An ability to work independently.
- An ability to think creatively
- An interest in performing, composing and appraising.

Course Aims:

- To develop your own musical interests and skills including an understanding of how to make music individually and in groups.
- To enable you to evaluate your own and others' music.
- To develop understanding and appreciation of a range of different kinds of music.
- To understand how to compose and then use music software effectively to enhance your compositions.

How is the course assessed?

GCSE Assessment

- 60% Coursework (Performing and Composing)
- 40% Listening Exam (Appraising)

Duration/Time

- 3 year course
- 5 lessons over two weeks
- Regular practice at home

What can I do at the end of the course?

You might go on to do a vocational certificate or diploma or you might study A Level Music (some colleges might require you to be a certain grade in your instrument before taking A level). Music skills are also recognised in other courses such as Performing Arts and Media. Within the music industry, there is the opportunity to become a performer, composer, music tutor, writer or journalist, or work in arts administration and business. Skills developed in the course that are useful are listening, leadership, team-working, problem solving, as well as interpersonal and communication skills.

