Music

Outline

GCSE Music is a vibrant, creative and highly rewarding course for students who enjoy performing, composing and exploring music in all its forms. Whether your interests lie in classical, pop, film, jazz or beyond, this course will broaden your musical horizons and deepen your understanding of how music works.

Built around three key areas — **Listening, Performing and Composing** — the course develops you as a confident, well-rounded musician. Creativity sits at the heart of the course. You will compose your own music in different styles, including one free composition and one set to a brief, giving you the opportunity to express your musical ideas independently. Alongside this, you will perform both a solo and ensemble piece, building confidence, discipline and teamwork.

Assessment

- **Listening Exam (40%)**
- **Performance (30%)**
- **Composition (30%)**

Much of the course is assessed through coursework, allowing you to showcase your strengths over time.

Further Information

GCSE Music complements all subjects and helps develop valuable skills such as creativity, communication, independence and resilience. These are highly regarded by universities and employers alike.

If you are passionate about music and want a subject that is engaging, expressive and genuinely enjoyable, GCSE Music is an excellent choice—and a strong foundation for A Level study and beyond.

At a Glance

Exam Board
AQA

Assessment Type
Performance (30%)
Composition (30%)

Listening exam (40%)

Pupils must have individual lessons on their instrument, voice, Music Production or DJing

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