



WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

Music GCSE will teach you to appreciate different genres of music and to develop your listening skills. You will learn how to develop solo and group performance skills which will be further supported with free instrumental tuition. You will learn to understand how to compose successfully using a range of resources to support your development.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course introduces you to many different styles of music throughout history and focuses on two main set works. You will learn to analyse the structure, tonality, texture, melody, rhythm, instrumentation and harmony. Through theory, performance and composition work you will develop your knowledge of the instruments and techniques associated with each style. You will develop your practical skills on one or more instrument and you will learn about composing music and song writing techniques.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Coursework is separated into four pieces of work:

- Composition 1 - Composition to a brief (15%).
- Composition 2 - Free composition (15%).
- Solo Performance - on your chosen instrument, this could include singing (15%).
- Group Performance - on your chosen instrument, this could include singing (15%).

The final exam is worth 40% of the final Music GCSE grade and will assess your ability to analyse music through listening.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

To do well in Music GCSE, you need to be creative and enthusiastic about listening to and learning about different styles of music. It is essential that you can play an instrument or sing to a reasonable standard by Year 11. If you are interested in Music GCSE and do not currently have instrumental lessons, you are strongly advised to speak to a Mrs Tinkler about signing up for instrumental lessons in Year 9.

Music will require you to have good communication skills and be able to work well with other students and individually. You will be need to be hard-working and committed to learning an instrument.

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You will gain an understanding of the music industry and learn about managing your own product or concert. You will learn to develop solo and group performance skills which will be further supported with free instrumental tuition. You will learn how to compose successfully, using a range of resources to support your development.

COURSE OUTLINE

The core units will allow you to gain a good understanding of organisations within the music industry and you will learn about the type of people who work in this industry. It will help you to understand how certain businesses operate. You will be involved in planning, delivering and promoting your own music concert, CD or music product, reflecting the fact that the music industry does not depend solely on what happens on stage but also what happens in the market place.

Through performance and composition work, you will develop your own personal instrumental skills on one instrument. You will learn about how to compose music and how to develop this from a starting point.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Coursework is separated into four pieces of work:

CORE SUBJECTS

- Music Industry (30)
- Management of a Music Product (30)

SPECIALISTS UNITS

- Introducing Music Composition (30)
- Introducing Music Performance (30)

The Music Industry Core Unit is assessed externally using a 60 minute paper-based examination. The rest of the units are based on course work.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

To do well in Music BTEC you need to be creative and enthusiastic about music practical and learning about what goes on in the music business. It is essential that you can play an instrument or sing to a reasonable standard by Year 11. If you are interested in Music BTEC and do not currently have music lessons, you are strongly advised to speak to Mrs Tinkler about signing up for instrumental lessons in Year 9. Music will require you to have good communication skills and be able to work well with other students and individually. You will need to be hard-working and committed to learning an instrument.