

# Music

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## Course Aims

To develop an appreciation of music through detailed analysis, performance and composition.  
To extend the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to communicate through music.

## Qualifications and Qualities Needed

The minimum entry requirement is a grade 6 at GCSE and Grade 5 or above in instrument/voice.

## Course Structure

Edexcel. [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com)

9MU0 Advanced GCE

### A-level students study three units:

#### Unit 1: Performance (30%)

8 minutes solo recital

#### Unit 2: Composition (30%)

Two pieces of 6 minutes

One of these pieces must be in response to a brief assessing technique

#### Unit 3: Appraisal (40%)

6 Areas of Study with 3 set works in each. Students study Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Music for Film, Popular Music and Jazz, Fusions and New Directions.

2 hour written examination

Section A: Areas of study and dictation

Section B: Extended response

## Trips and Textbooks

Students need to purchase an anthology of set works at the start of the course. Concert trips and workshops are arranged for Year 12 and 13 students to support their classroom studies.

Students are encouraged to take an active role in the schools' music ensembles.

## Future Pathways

A Level Music can lead to further study in Music or the Performing Arts at degree level. However, Music is also a broad, academic subject that can strongly support entry to many university courses.

A-level Music is an extremely exciting, varied but demanding course, which requires a high level of commitment, good sound musicianship and plenty of enthusiasm.