

Music

What is GCSE Music all about?

- Do you enjoy listening to a wide range of music?
- Do you enjoy performing as a soloist and with others?
- Do you enjoy developing your own musical ideas?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then you should study GCSE Music!

What topics will I cover?

Topics covered are:

- Western classical tradition 1650–1910
- Western classical tradition since 1910
- Popular music
- Traditional music



Instrumental Studies

Students in this course should be aware that:

- All students must learn a musical instrument or take singing lessons. You should aim to be Grade 4 standard by the end of the course
- All GCSE students must be involved in a musical activity in school e.g. Jazz Band, Sinfonia, Show Choir, Rock School, student bands etc.

How am I assessed?

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| • Unit 1 | Understanding Music
<i>Written exam</i> | 40% |
| • Unit 2 | Performing Music
<i>Controlled assessment</i> | 30% |
| • Unit 3 | Composing Music
<i>Coursework</i> | 30% |

Coursework

- Two pieces of composition
- One individual performance and one group performance

Exams

- Listening exam (90-minute paper) taken in Year 11

What examination board will I follow?

AQA

Additional information

Students can attend GCSE composition workshops on Monday lunchtime and after school on a Monday or Wednesday. This is an optional activity but will help with the progression of your coursework.

Who should I speak to for more information?

Miss Stothard, Mrs Paul or Mrs Beaton