

MUSIC GCSE

Qualification: GCSE

Suitable for: Open to all students. It is advisable to be taking instrumental or singing lessons.

Outline of the course: Music GCSE is both a practical and academic course that allows students to develop their knowledge of a wide range of styles of music.

Course assessment:

Performing (30%) – Students are required to prepare a solo piece and an ensemble piece.

Composing (30%) – Students are required to write two original compositions.

Listening (40%) – Exam paper that covers music from classical and pop to film music.

Additional Information: Students are encouraged to perform publicly during the course as well as to attend live music events to enhance their knowledge and experience. Some students who choose this option may be given the opportunity to follow BTEC Music Performance or BTEC Music Technology.

Further Study: The course prepares students for further study at A Level.

Student view: *“As well as continuing to develop my skills in composing and performing from KS3, I have learnt how to analyse music in detail which has prepared me well for A Levels.”*