

GCSE Music

What will I learn?

GCSE Music covers a wide range of musical understanding. You'll learn about music theory, as well as a variety of musical styles, such as the Concerto, Film Music, Popular Music and music from across the world. The course is highly practical, and you will write two of your own pieces of music (compositions) as well as performing on your own and as part of a group.

What do I need to know before I can start the course?

Ability to play an instrument confidently is very important. 30% of your GCSE grade is on your ability to perform. This may be from an instrument you've learnt outside of school, or keyboard or vocal skills that you've progressed on throughout Key Stage 3. An ability to read music would be advantageous, but is not a necessity.

What does the course involve?

Lessons are a balance of theory and practical. Every half term you will do a performance either on your own or as part of a group. This will build up your confidence and will give you a wide range of recordings to choose from to submit in year 11. You will learn about an Area of Study each term, as well as composing music in a range of styles.

What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

Students who have studied music are welcomed in a wide range of professions. It shows the employer that you have creativity, can work with others, and have the self-discipline to reflect on and improve your own work. Music specific careers range from teaching, to music therapy, composing or performing professionally, music journalism and technical and organisational roles in the music industry.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Please talk to Mrs Halliday if you have any questions or concerns.

What websites can I check out?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zpf3cdm>

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-music-j536-from-2016/>