



40% EXAMINATION

Listening Exam 40%

A 1hr 45 mins exam which tests your knowledge and understanding of the elements of music and the eight set works studied throughout the course.



60% NON-EXAMINED ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Performing 30%

You will build a portfolio of both solo and ensemble performances. Your best marks from each of these will go towards your GCSE exam grade. We strongly advise that you have instrumental or vocal lessons throughout the course, to help you to be successful in your GCSE. These can be arranged through school or privately sought.

Component 2: Composing 30%

You will compose two pieces of music ranging from a Blues composition, Viennese Waltz and a composition in the style of your choosing.



FURTHER EDUCATION

There are many options open to you once you have achieved GCSE Music. You may wish to continue down the traditional route and study for an A level. Alternatively, you may choose to study a BTEC or Diplomas in areas such as Music Technology or Performing Arts. This study can lead on to University or a Music College education.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There is a whole range of careers available in the music industry from Performers and Composers to joining HM Forces to Music Therapy or anything to do with Music Production.



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WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?

Music GCSE explores a wide variety of musical genres through listening, performing and composing. As a musician, you should be willing to listen to and appreciate all styles of music and be able to perform confidently in front of others on a chosen musical instrument or voice.

The course is split into three sections:

- **Listening:** You will listen to and study an anthology of eight pieces of music from a range of musical backgrounds. You will learn how to relate each piece to others in the same genre and explore how they interlink.
- **Performing:** You will prepare and perform several solo and ensemble performance pieces throughout the course, which will be played on the instrument you are able to play confidently.
- **Composing:** Using computer software and live recording, you will compose a variety of musical pieces, demonstrating your developing knowledge of musical structure, techniques and genre.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will develop your ability to perform, compose and listen to a range of musical styles. You will work independently, composing your own music for a variety of occasions. Your confidence will develop as you perform in front of others and support your peers as a member of an audience in class concerts. Listening to and appraising music from all walks of life and cultures will help you understand the importance of music throughout history. To maximise your GCSE experience, you would be advised to take part in a Music extra-curricular activity.