

MUSIC GCSE

INTRODUCTION

GCSE Music is a course that encourages learning through practical and theoretical experiences. The three elements of the OCR qualification are Listening to and Appraising Music, Composing and Appraising Music, and Performing Music.

Students will explore the elements of music through four areas of study:

1. The Concerto Through Time
2. Rhythms of the World
3. Film Music
4. Pop Music 1950s- Present Day



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Through completion of this course students will be encouraged to:

- understand and appreciate a range of different kinds of music
- develop an understanding of the progression of music over time and influences on styles and genres
- evaluate their own and others' music and develop their own musical interests and skills, including the ability to make music individually and in groups
- both read and write music (a requirement of the course)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is best suited to musicians who have been studying instrumental / vocal lessons and are around Grade III-IV performing standard. A 20 minute weekly lesson is provided by the school which must be attended to support the performance element of the course.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Written Examination: Listening and Appraising Music (40%)

Controlled Assessment in lessons: Composing Coursework (30%)

Controlled Assessment: Performance (30%)

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

GCSE Music can lead to A-Level Music and Music Technology qualifications. It can also prepare students for either the BTEC Level 3 in Music Performance or Music Technology or the musical element of the BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Musical Theatre. Alongside the GCSE course students can also attend additional sessions taught as part of the extra-curricular timetable to work towards and pass their Theory Grade V (ABRSM). This qualification is required to take higher practical grades and also supports with accruing UCAS points for university entrance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Instrumental and vocal tuition is available to GCSE students free of charge as it is an integral part of the course. Excellent attendance, regular practice and a commitment to taking part in extra-curricular groups is vital to ensure the experience is valuable. Students who have enjoyed practical music in Year 9, together with those learning to play instruments, will find that this course is both exciting and enjoyable. All students taking GCSE Music need to attend a minimum of one extra-curricular activity to develop performance skills.

Please contact Mrs Jones, Head of Music, if you require any further information.