

Music KS4 Learning Journey



What is the course about?

Music continues to be a mainly practical subject at GCSE and is an extension of the music studied at Key Stage 3. The emphasis is on the learner's ability to perform, compose and listen to music of all styles. The course is designed so that learners of all abilities may participate at their own level using their preferred instrument or their voice. It is vital that they strive to improve the standard of their performance over the two years as this provides the 'backbone' of the course.



What will I do and how will I be assessed?

Component 1: Performing

- 30% of GCSE
- 1x Solo and 1x Ensemble
- Total time = 4-6mins
- Completed and assessed in school, during Year 11

Component 2: Composing

- 30% of GCSE
- 2x Compositions
- *Composition 1* - free composition
- *Composition 2* - in response to a brief set by the exam board

Component 3: Listening Exam

- 40% of GCSE
- 1 hr 15mins written exam in May / June of Year 11. Based on 4 areas of study and 2 set pieces.
- AoS1 - Musical Forms and Devices; AoS2 - Music for Ensemble;
- AoS3 - Film Music; AoS4 - Popular Music
- *Set Work 1* - Bach Badinerie, *Set Work 2* - Africa by Toto



What can I do afterwards?

After you have completed GCSE Music you can go on to higher levels of study. These include:

- Music at AS and A2 Level
- Music Technology at AS and A2 Level
- Performing Arts

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