



A Level Music

What does the course involve?

A Level Music is a 2-year course. The course has 3 units that enable learners to develop performance and composition skills alongside the exploration and appraisal of a range of musical styles. An academic and rigorous course, this is for passionate musicians and learners who are interested in developing their wider musicianship with a view to progressing to ongoing musical study at higher education, apprenticeship or employment. A Level Music will enable learners to develop independence, resilience, teamwork and analytical skills alongside creativity, self-expression and building confidence.

What exams and coursework are involved?

Component 1 Performing: Solo performance (ensemble performance optional) on one or more instruments/voice. (Coursework – Externally marked by a visiting examiner)

Component 2 Composing: Composing multiple pieces to briefs set by the exam board and free compositions. (Coursework – Externally marked)

Component 3 Appraising: Listening & analysis of Three Areas of Study; The Western Classical Tradition, Rock & Pop and Twentieth Century Music. (Written exam externally marked)

What are the entry requirements?

Minimum Grade Requirements:

- Music GCSE Grade 6 or above
- Grade 6 on any instrument or voice (by the end of Year 13)
- To be able to read both treble and bass clef stave notation (by the start of the course)

Desirable Grade Requirements: Music GCSE Grade 8 or above, Grade 7 or above on any instrument or voice, Grade 5 Theory

What could I do after completing the course?

- Continue to study Music at University or Music College.
- Being a musician isn't the only career in music – other options include being a sound technician, community musician, music therapist, teacher, or private tutor, or a range of careers in the music industry, in a concert hall or music venue.
- The arts/creative industries: this might include work in film, TV, theatre, radio, arts administration, or creative education.
- Professions such as medicine, law, accountancy: Music is highly regarded as an academic subject and so could complement your other studies in leading to a professional career.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS H CRANG