

MUSIC

Introduction

GCSE Music builds on the key musical skills of Composing, Listening and Performing, developed in Years Eight to Ten, and is a good choice if you enjoy playing music and would like to learn more about the subject.



What will it be like?

Candidates study three main areas of Music: Composing, Listening and Performing.

Students compose two pieces, listen to, and learn about, selected pieces in four areas of study and perform two pieces (solo and ensemble).

Prospective students must already have some performance experience, or be prepared to undertake a short performance test.

Assessment

Composing (30%) assessed by the completion of Controlled Assessment, marked by teacher and then moderated.

Listening (35%) assessed by one written exam paper in May/June of Year 12.

Performing (35%) assessed by a visiting examiner in April/May of Year 12.

Career Progression

The UK Music industry employs 145,000 people and is a large contributor to the UK economy. Careers which relate directly to Music include: teaching, music production, music therapy, sound technology and the burgeoning Northern Ireland film scene. Music is also valued where employers seek creative and confident employees who are good team players.