

Music

Examination Board: AQA

Entry Requirements:

GCSE Music A* - C

Why study A Level Music?

A-level Music provides the opportunity for students to acquire advanced musical skills, knowledge and understanding through listening and analysis, composing and performing. It encourages students to build on the knowledge and experience gained at GCSE and in their musical activities outside the curriculum.

Course Content:

COMPONENT 1: APPRAISING

COMPONENT 2: PERFORMING

COMPONENT 3: COMPOSING

Assessment:

COMPONENT 1: APPRAISING

A written examination testing listening skills, knowledge and understanding and requiring students to write in depth about a set work and music from a selected area of study

COMPONENT 2: PERFORMING

A solo and/or ensemble performing as an instrumentalist, or vocalist and/or music production (via technology). **A minimum of ten minutes of performance in total is required.**

COMPONENT 3: COMPOSING

Composition 1: Composition to a brief (25 marks)

Composition 2: Free composition (25 marks)

A minimum of four and a half minutes of music in total is required.

Further Course Information:

The ability to play an instrument/sing is vital to take A Level music. Students will be required to perform in 2019 to at least Grade 5 standard. Any student who has not taken GCSE music will be invited to an interview and be auditioned to assess suitability for the course.

Future Uses:

From A Level, you can continue higher level study by following Music at university or at a specialist Music college. A range of degrees exist to prepare musicians for a future in performing, arts' administration, theatrical work, academia, professional performance or Music IT- related posts.