



How will GCSE Music help me in the future?

In the future Creativity is going to be one of the most important and in-demand skills at work. When business bosses across the world were surveyed, they voted Creativity as the most important workplace capability to help their businesses survive and grow.

This means that the study of creative subjects, like Music, is becoming even more important and relevant to young people to give you the chance to succeed – whatever your ambitions! At the same time, you will find many opportunities to develop and improve your personal wellbeing both independently and as part of a wider community.

What skills will I get?

Your practical skills of composing music and performing will be refined and will demonstrate creativity, reflection and resilience, as well as developing confidence and presentation skills.

Studying music will give you opportunities for higher order thinking, by considering ideas which go beyond language. This is great brain-training which will help you in other areas too.

You will gain a deep learning of transferable abilities and practice applying these to new situations, developing analytical and problem-solving skills.

Through studying music, you will be equipped with the skills to succeed in your next steps.

What Skills Will I Need?

You need to play an instrument or sing, or be willing to learn and practice. Instrumental or vocal lessons on top of the timetabled lessons are vital.

Dedication and perseverance.

A basic understanding of notation (helpful but not essential).

A willingness to take part in extra-curricular music.

An open mind!

How Will I Be Assessed?

Component 1 – Performing (30%)

A minimum of 2 pieces (1 solo, 1 ensemble) on your chosen instrument or voice lasting a total of 4 minutes.

Component 2 – Composing (30%)

Two pieces – 1 linked to a brief from the exam board, and 1 free choice

Component 3 – Listening and Appraising (40%)

Listening examination: 8 questions, 2 on each area of study:

AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices (including a set work*)

AoS 2 Music for Ensemble

AoS 3 Film Music

AoS 4 Popular Music (including a set work* - *Africa* by Toto)

*A set work is a piece of music which everybody has to learn about. There is one short classical piece and one Rock/pop song. You can learn to play/sing parts of them to help you learn the details.

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Reasons to choose Music.

If you already play an instrument or sing, you can develop your skills and get a GCSE out of it!

If you already enjoy writing your own music or songs, you can use this ability and experience towards your GCSE.

If you are a creative person who wants to learn to make music this course will give you that chance.

If you love listening to music, and can spot all the details, sing every riff and “air-drum” every beat you have already developed some of the abilities you need.