

# GCSE Music

## How will GCSE Music help me in the future?

In the future, creativity will be one of the most important and sought-after skills in the workplace. When business leaders worldwide were surveyed, they ranked creativity as the most crucial capability for their businesses to survive and thrive.



This indicates that studying creative subjects like music is increasingly significant and relevant to young people, offering you the chance to succeed, regardless of your ambitions. You will encounter numerous opportunities to develop and enhance your well-being both independently and as part of a larger community.

Engaging in the study of music opens up avenues for higher-order thinking by exploring concepts that transcend language. This is excellent brain training that benefits you in various aspects of life. You will cultivate a profound understanding of transferable skills and learn to apply them to different scenarios, enhancing your analytical and problem-solving abilities. By immersing yourself in music, you will acquire the skills necessary for success in your future endeavours.

Your practical skills in composing music and performing will be refined, and you will demonstrate creativity, reflection, and resilience, as well as develop confidence.

## How will I be assessed?

### Component 1 - Performing (30%)

At least two pieces on your chosen instrument or voice lasting 4 minutes.

### Component 2 - Composing (30%)

Two pieces, one linked to a brief from the exam board, and one free choice.

### Component 3 - Listening and Appraising (40%)

Listening exam: eight questions, two on each topic:

- Musical forms & devices: Western classical music.
- Music for ensemble: including jazz, blues and musical theatre.
- Popular music rock, pop, metal, prog rock, Rn B, Bhangra.
- Film music.

## What skills will I require?

- You need to play an instrument, sing or be willing to learn & practice.
- Instrumental or vocal sessions 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 extracurricular music.

