



GCSE Music Grade C & Grade IV standard in an instrument or singing. A level of difficulty Grade guide is available on the Edexcel website alongside a detailed specification.

Running for the first time in 2017!

Important Information

AS AND A LEVEL ARE TWO SEPARATE OPTIONS

30% Performance 30% Composing 40% Written Exam

Performance Coursework

AS: 6 Minute Public Recital A Level: 8 Minute Public Recital

Your performance will be recorded in March of the academic year.

Composition Coursework

AS: Two pieces 2-3

minutes long.

A Level: Two pieces of music, one 4

minutes long, the other 2 minutes long.

One composition will be free choice, and another composition will be a response to a brief.

Written Exam

In May/June you will complete a written exam testing and applying your knowledge about the following genres of music with specific set works you will study:



Vocal Music
Instrumental Music
Music for Film
Popular Music and Jazz
Fusions
New Directions



IS A LEVEL MUSIC FOR YOU?

Music is a serious, academic subject that requires great skill and dedication to apply critical thinking skills to creative tasks. It combines mathematical, linguistic, physical and scientific approaches to produce high quality work, valued at University and in the professional world. If you enjoy challenging and creative tasks, Music is for you!

Is A Level Music good for my career?

A Level Music is definitely not a "soft option"! Employers and Universities value the wide range of skills that are applied to achieve this qualification. A Level Music displays both academic achievement as well as additional skills such as resilience, confidence, diligence and creativity. This combination can assist you in many careers including:

Music Performance and Composition

Sound Engineering



JOURNALISM

Primary and Secondary School Teaching



Film, Radio and Television

SOCIAL WORK, YOUTH WORK AND SPECIAL NEEDS WORK



Law and Politics





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