

What we do in lessons:

Our work in class is divided between practical performance, composing and guided listening/theory. Sometimes these things are actively taught by the teacher but there is also time to develop your skills on your own or in small groups. There are many opportunities for sharing your work or performing, either in class or in a variety of concerts.

Where it can lead to:

- Further Education.
- AS and A level music
- Higher National Diploma Course
- BTEC courses in Music and Music Technology
- An enjoyable hobby
- Employers, colleges and universities all agree that a music qualification shows a proven ability to learn a difficult skill, work effectively with others and realize your creative ideas.

This course is for you if

- You can play a musical instrument or sing up to about grade 3 standard. (Three or four years experience)
- You enjoy composing your own music.
- You enjoy performing and listening to music.
- Enjoy and appreciate a wide range of musical styles.



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GCSE MUSIC 2014



Introduction:

GCSE Music offers the opportunity to:

- Study a broad variety of different musical styles in depth, from classical music through to rock and pop and world music.
- Compose music in a variety of styles.
- Perform as both a soloist and in a group.
- Develop your self confidence in a relaxed non threatening environment.



What the course entails:

Unit One – Solo and Ensemble Performing (30% of Total GCSE)

One solo performance on your chosen instrument (includes vocals)

One ensemble performance that must have two or more 'live' players.

Unit Two – Composing (30% of Total GCSE)

Two compositions or arrangements that must be linked to the areas of study.

Unit Three – Listening and Appraising (40% of Total GCSE)

Written paper one hour and thirty minutes long. (Musicianship)

Study twelve set works from the areas of study.

Areas of Study:

1. Western Classical Music (1600 – 1899)
2. Music in the 20th Century
3. Popular Music in context.
4. World Music.

