

MUSIC

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: 60% Internally assessed coursework, 40% Examination

Course Overview:

Do you play music or sing in your own time? If the answer is "Yes" ... read on...

GCSE Music consists of three main elements:

Performing	30%	One solo piece and one performed with a group
Composing	30%	Two compositions
Listening	40%	Answering questions about extracts of music

There are five areas of study:

My Music	- Music for their own instrument or voice
The Concerto through Time	- Pieces with Orchestra instrument from Recorder to Rock Band
Rhythms of the World	- To include Samba Drumming, Indian Tabla, African Djembe
Film Music	- Terminator to Toy Story and many more in between
Conventions of Pop	- 80s power ballads to cutting edge music of 2019

Students **do** need to be able to play a musical instrument or sing. However, if they do not, there's still time to start learning by having proper lessons; either instrumental or vocal. These are usually available and arranged here in college.

Students should contact Mr Vinall if they have any questions about the Music GCSE course.

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

Modern employers, from every sector, regard a GCSE in Music very highly, because of the transferrable skills acquired therein:

- Self-discipline
- Creativity
- Analytical skills
- Team-working
- Communication
- Leadership

This GCSE also provides students with a valuable link to Level 3 courses in both Music and in the Performing Arts

FAQ:

- Is GCSE Music a soft option? No... it really isn't
- Is GCSE music as hard as any other subject? Yes... it is
- Is it worth it? **ABSOLUTELY!**