

MUSIC

Type of Qualification: GCSE (AQA)

How it is assessed: 40% Examination and externally assessed coursework
60% Internally assessed coursework

Course Overview:

- Students learn about music through five areas of study: Rhythm and Metre, Harmony and Tonality, Texture and Melody, Timbre and Dynamics, Structure and Form.
- Four units are assessed as part of the course: Unit 1 – Listening to and Appraising Music, Unit 2 – Composing and Appraising, Unit 3 – Performing Music and Unit 4 – Composing Music.
- Students need to be able to play a musical instrument to undertake the course (singing is counted as an instrument). Students who can already play an instrument will have a real advantage; however, for those who cannot, it may be a good time to start learning. Students will improve their chances at examination success if they receive proper lessons on their instrument or voice (we can usually arrange this at the College).
- Students should contact Mr Mann if they have any questions about the Music GCSE course.

Beyond Year 11:

GCSE Music provides students with the opportunity to gain self-confidence through performing to others, as well as developing team-working skills and communication and leadership skills. The GCSE provides students with a valuable link to Level 3 music courses.