



GCSE Music

<u>Examination Board:</u>	Edexcel
<u>Specification Code:</u>	1MU0
<u>Value:</u>	1 GCSE grades 9-1
<u>Assessment:</u>	30% performance work, 30% compositional work, 40% examination
<u>Revision Guide:</u>	NA
<u>Available Places:</u>	The number of students permitted to take GCSE Music will be capped at 20



What will you learn and how will you use it?

Music is a unique form of communication that can change the way students feel, think and act. Music forms part of an individual's identity and positive interaction with music can develop students competence as learners and increase their self-esteem. A qualification in Music will help to develop self-confidence, discipline, motivation and organisational skills. It promotes communication, creativity and self-respect. A qualification in Music shows the ability to work well both individually and as a member of a team.

The course includes:

- performing music - one solo performance and one ensemble performance,
- composing music - two compositions, one composition to a brief set by Pearson, of at least one minute in duration and one free composition set by the student, of at least one minute in duration.
- listening and appraising - knowledge and study of set works in Areas of study. These will include, Instrumental Music 1700–1820, Vocal Music, Music for Stage and Screen and Fusion music.

Who should consider GCSE Music?

If you are hard-working, dedicated and interested in exploring and developing your musical skills then GCSE Music is the course for you. It is advantageous if you already play a musical instrument but not essential as keyboard skills learnt to date will contribute to performance skills.

What further study can you go on to after completing the course?

A qualification in GCSE Music will help you get onto both vocational and academic courses at Higher Education.

What are the employment opportunities from following this course?

The GCSE in Music gives you a strong starting block for careers in performing, composing, conducting, teaching and many more employment opportunities.

For more details about GCSE Music please talk to Mr Racic.