

MUSIC

COURSE DETAILS

Exam Board: Eduqas

Website: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

WHAT CAN STUDENTS EXPECT FROM THE COURSE?

The course is taught through a mixture of practical and theory based activities. Students are encouraged to use their own instrumental/vocal skills in practical work as well as developing performing skills in other instrumental/vocal areas. It is not essential that students play an instrument/sing before they start the course but they will be expected to learn instrumental/vocal skills during the course. Weekly peripatetic instrumental/vocal lessons will be provided to all GCSE students at a subsidised cost in order to prepare for the performance coursework. GCSE Music students will have the opportunity to perform at various concerts throughout the school year.

The ICT facilities in Music have recently been upgraded so there are now many opportunities throughout the course to use music technology for recording work and composing using various music software packages. There are also times in the course where students will have the chance to go on visits to experience different styles and genres of music.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR STUDENTS

The course is quite demanding in terms of self-discipline and time management. The successful student will be motivated to work at home, learning the theory and vocabulary, to get involved with musical activities in school to develop ensemble skills and take responsibility for developing their skills as a solo performer. GCSE Music students are expected to take part in the various concerts throughout the school year.

WHY CHOOSE GCSE MUSIC?

In addition to helping students acquire subject knowledge, this course:

- provides students with the opportunity to gain self-confidence through performing to/with others
- develops team-working skills through performing with others
- extends students' creative skills through composing music
- encourages the understanding of the importance of continuous evaluation and refinement in any process
- provides a solid foundation for progression to music related courses, including A Level Music, and a career in music professions

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