

MUSIC

Awarding Body: Eduqas

GCSE Music offers the opportunity to not only perform and create your own music but also to listen to a wide variety of musical styles, ranging from classical and world music to musicals and popular genres. This course balances practical music-making with listening and understanding and you will enjoy discovering what makes a piece of music unique and gets your toes tapping!

- **Component 1 – Performing (30%)** You will perform one piece as a soloist and one piece as part of an ensemble. Performances take place in the final year of the exam and must last a minimum of 4 minutes in total.
- **Component 2 – Composing (30%)** During the course we compose in various styles and learn compositional techniques. Two compositions are completed under controlled conditions and submitted. One composition is to a brief set by the exam board and the other is in the style of your choosing.
- **Component 3 – Appraising (40%)** You will listen to a wide variety of music and learn more about how and why it was written and performed.

There are four different areas of study:

1. Musical forms and devices
2. Music for ensemble
3. Film music
4. Popular music

Two pieces will be studied in greater depth:

- *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik: Minuet*: Mozart
- *Since You've Been Gone*: Rainbow

This area of the subject is assessed by a written listening examination lasting 1 hour 15 minutes in the summer of the Upper 5 year.