



## A Level Music

A Music is a vary varied and exciting option to take. You will study a wide range of activities including performing, composing, arranging, harmonizing and how to use recording devices.

### Personal Attributes Required:

You need to be able to sing or play an instrument to grade 5 standard and you should have good keyboard skills. The music department provides instrument/ vocal lessons on a range of instruments and you must have lessons either in school or outside. You need to work hard and work well with others.

### How will Music help me in the future?

A Level Music will show employers that you have a wide range of interests and skills, as well as demonstrating that you have shown dedication and commitment to learning a musical instrument and to studying music to a high level. It also develops skills such as; performing, confidence, public speaking, language, memory, audio skills, motor coordination and can help to control stress and nerves. A Level Music is hard work, but equally one of the most enjoyable subjects to learn and succeed in.

### Homework Expectations:

There is an expectation that students will complete a range of written and research tasks throughout the course. Students will also be expected to work on their coursework and to rehearse their chosen instrument or voice daily and attend additional performance rehearsals when necessary.



### A Level Music is made up of three components:

- **Listening exam (40%):** An exam paper with listening and essay questions on set works that have been studied
- **Composition (30%):** Students compose two pieces of music. One is a free choice and one brief assessing technique (Bach Chorale)
- **Performances (30%):** Students perform for a minimum of 8 minutes, solo and/or ensemble performing as an instrumentalist and/or vocalist and/or music production