



KS4 2025-2027 Year 10 Options – Course Information Leaflet

GCSE Music

During this course students will develop skills in Performance (30%), Composition (30%) and Appraising (40%). Due to the practical requirements of the course, it is recommended that students are competent instrumentalists/singers who are currently receiving tuition or who intend to do so. An ability to read music is also desirable, particularly for composition work.

The Appraising component involves listening to and analysing different pieces of music covering a wide variety of styles; from Bach and Beethoven to Star Wars and Queen. Students will sit a listening examination at the end of year 11. The Performing and Composing components give students the opportunity to gain self-confidence by performing with others, develop social and team-working skills and exercise their creativity, while engaging in activities which they enjoy.

Assessment:

60% Coursework (Performing and Composing)

40% Examination (Appraising) – externally assessed

Further information is available from Mrs Chambers, Head of Music

