



A Level and AS Level Music

This Edexcel course is for anyone who has a keen interest in creating, listening to and performing different styles of music.

On the course you will complete studies in composing, performing, listening and critical analysis of set pieces of music.



Entry Requirements..

Progression onto A Level Music will require at least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade C or above. It is essential that you can also play an instrument or can sing, have GCSE Music at grade C or above, and/or be studying ABRSM Music theory. Please talk to the Head of Department if you are interested in this subject.

Students must study at least 2 areas of study for AS and at least 3 areas of study at A Level. The range of set works is between 1650 and 1910.

AS Course Content...

A2 Course Content...

Performing Component 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of the total AS marks Students to perform for a minimum of 6 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of the total A2 mark Students must perform for a minimum of 8 minutes in a recital
Composing Component 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of the total AS marks Students must compose two pieces One is in response to a brief set by the board and is 4½ minutes long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of the total A2 mark Students to compose 2 pieces and 1 technical piece Total time for both pieces must be a minimum of 6 minutes
Appraising Component 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% of the total AS marks Knowledge and understanding of musical elements, contexts and language Application of knowledge of six areas of study, each with 3 set works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% of the qualification Written examination: 2 hours Two sections A & B Section A: Areas of study and dictation Section B: Extended response 2 essays in response to set works

Career Paths..

Many different career paths require Music A Level or see it as an advantage, sometimes these career paths can be one that you wouldn't automatically associate with music. Some examples are below...

Hospitality Industry **Composer (TV/Film)** **Various Medical Professions**
Music Management **Teachers**

