

# Music

## COURSE OUTLINE

Primarily, Music is a practical based subject with emphasis on performing and composing. The GCSE is a two year course, which prepares learners for careers in the Performing Arts, Music or Entertainment Industry whilst developing skills required for any profession, such as confidence, organisation, time keeping and ICT.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?



Performing 30% (solo and ensemble)

Composing 30% (2 pieces)

Appraising 30% (Externally marked listening exam)

2 x short written musical analysis essays 10%.

A combined total of 70% of the qualification is assessed through coursework.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### Broad topics covered are:

Western Classical Traditions and the orchestra, Musical Theatre, Jazz & Blues, Welsh Music, Chamber Music, Film Music, Rock & Pop Including Heavy Metal, EDM and Music Technology.

### You must be:

- willing to perform (instrument or voice)
- organised
- able to work to deadlines (like in the music industry!)
- able to work as a team.

### The following skills are required:

- the ability to play an instrument or sing confidently with a sense of control
- the ability to read **basic** music notation
- basic piano skills
- general ICT skills.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRESSION

This course provides good progression to BTEC Nationals or AS/A2 levels which prepare students for careers in Music and the arts including both classically trained performers and pop musicians, sound engineers, publishers or event organisers.