

Option – Eduqas GCSE Music

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Eduqas GCSE Music provides learners with opportunities to study a broad programme of study. If you already play an instrument or sing, you can develop your skills and get a GCSE out of it! If you don't already play an instrument or sing, you can take the opportunity to learn new skills which could stay with you for life. If you already enjoy writing your own music or songs, you can use this ability and experience towards your GCSE. If you are a creative person who wants to learn to make music, this course will give you that chance. If you love listening to music, and can spot all the details, sing every riff and "air-drum" every beat you have already developed some of the abilities you need. OK, so you can't mime playing it in the exam, but if you can already think that rhythm or sing that tune in your head, you have some skills!

A GCSE in music is designed to support learners in schools who want to learn more about music and provides learners with the opportunity to develop a range of specialist and general skills that would support their progression to employment within a creative industry, developing transferrable skill suitable for further study and a modern-day workplace, such as:

- Independent learning: Through having to be disciplined about practising on their instrument or voice
- Team working particularly if they are involved in weekly groups or ensembles, concerts, and performances
- Performance and presentation skills which are useful for any job/career
- Listening: this is highly developed in musicians, and it is an essential part of the course
- Analytical and essay-writing skills
- Confidence and self-esteem: which has a knock-on effect in all areas of life and learning
- Creativity and self-expression: helping young people to think differently and harness the power of their imagination

The course will cover three units over two years.

Core Units:

- Component 1: Performing (worth 30% of overall grade – Teacher assessed coursework)
- Component 2: Composing (worth 30% of overall grade - Teacher assessed coursework)
- Component 3: Appraising (worth 40% of overall grade- Listening & understanding Exam)

Assessment:

Assessments will be carried out using a combination of methods, such as

- Recorded Music Performances
- Solo and Ensemble Performances
- Creation of Music compositions
- Examination

Further Information: The course is designed to cater for all levels of ability; however, it is desirable that Pupils can perform to an equivalent of Grade 3 standard or higher on their chosen instrument to access the top gradings. It is essential that all pupils choosing the subject show a committed approach to participation in all activities. Pupils will benefit and excel in their musical development further through the participation of extra-curricular musical ensembles/activities and/or peripatetic lessons.