

Media and Creative Arts

Music

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Subject Specific Entry Criteria

- Grade B in GCSE Music
- Grade 5 standard on at least one instrument
- Grade 5 theory an advantage.

Exam Board:

Edexcel

Units Studied:

- Performance 30%
- Recital Composition 30% 2 compositions based on set briefs by the examination board.
- Listening examination - based on set works and aural analysis

Course Information:

Music - This course involves a combination of practical, composition work and historical study. You will perform a solo recital at the end of the course and complete two compositions to a brief set by the exam board. The listening paper requires an understanding of 4 part harmony, general aural analysis and essay questions relating to set works studied. We study 18 set works over 2 years and students need a good understanding of the set work and how they relate to other music from those genres.

Possible Career Paths:

A level Music provide students with a good grounding in composition and theory for those wishing to pursue a career in Music. We have had a number of students over the past few years who have pursued music at University, following academic degree courses (Hull, Huddersfield) and also more practical Musical Theatre based courses.

Extra Curricular:

Course provides opportunities for students to perform in recitals and showcase evenings throughout the year. This is an assessed part of the course. Students also have the opportunity to join the various music groups which meet regularly during the week. We hope that 6th form students take an active part within the department.

