

SUBJECT:

MUSIC

Head of Department: Mr Warburton

GCSE

Exam Board: AQA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

GCSE Music helps students to develop subject knowledge, understanding and skills, through listening to a variety of music, playing music and creating their own music.

The specification places a strong weighting on practical aspects of music (60 percent), with choices catering for a wide range of interests and abilities. This three-unit GCSE assesses students' skills in listening and appraising, composing and performing music. It is expected as part of the course that students will take part in extra-curricular groups and performances.

GCSE Music offers a solid foundation for progression to other music studies, including A Level Music and often to a music-related career. Our course provides the opportunity for students to develop valuable transferable skills such as self-confidence, concentration, creativity, evaluation and team work.

Assessment

Component 1: Understanding music – Listening and Study Pieces – 40%

Component 2: Performing music – Solo performance and Ensemble performance – 30%

Component 3: Composing music – Composition to a brief and Own composition – 30%

Subject Teachers

Mr Jackson (Music Teacher)

Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: A Level Music

A Level Music Technology

BTEC Music Level 3

Music can be studied with a variety of other subjects at University.

Careers where this course may be useful: Singer, composer, music technician, song writer, Music Teacher and other areas of the Music Industry.

