

Course Title: Music
Course Code/Codes: 8271
Examining Body: AQA

What is the aim of this course?

We experience music in a wide range of ways in our everyday lives. Studying music teaches you to understand the hugely diverse and varied world of music that exists within and beyond your day to day experience. It also allows you to gain experience and expertise in an area that you have a particular creative interest in.

The course provides music students with skills and knowledge to become musicians, performing and composing music with your voice, instruments and technology. It also allows you to make choices about your specialist instrument and composing styles as you gain knowledge and refine your interests.

Why should I choose this course?

The course focus on contemporary approaches to music creation and the ways we listen to music, it also looks backwards into history and also outside of Western culture to ensure you have a broad range of knowledge and skill.

A key aim of the course is to ensure you develop excellent performance skills on an instrument of your choice or voice, or music technology. In addition to this you will learn to create original engaging and inspiring music in a range of different ways.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Understanding Music

- Written exam: 1hr 30mins
- 40% of qualification

Component 2: Performing Music

- One solo & One ensemble (4mins total)
- 30% of qualification

Component 3: Composing Music

- Two original composition pieces (3mins total)
- 30% of qualification

Is this course for me?

Do you... already play an instrument or want to learn to play an instrument? Enjoy music technology? Listen to music and have an interest in learning about different music genres? Want to be creative and enjoy developing your own music or have a desire to work in the world of music? If you answered 'Yes', then the music course is right for you!

Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in music. These include:

- Musician/Composer
- Record/Music production
- Recording engineer
- A & R co-ordinator
- Promotion manager
- Healthcare
- Game music designer
- Singer/Songwriter