

LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL AWARD MUSIC

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WHAT IS THE SUBJECT ABOUT?

The Music course is designed to train you to be a confident performer or composer. We all listen to music every day and this course will develop your understanding of how music is created and how to create and perform it yourself.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will complete three units.

Unit 201ta MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE (20%, internally assessed core unit) – you will study different musical styles and the distinctive traits that create them. You will compare two contrasting musical styles and present your findings.

Unit 202ta LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE (40%, externally assessed core unit) – you will prepare an 8-12 minute set to perform to your peers. You will be given a brief to meet e.g. 'Conflict and Peace'.

Unit 204ta INSTRUMENTAL STUDY (40%, internally assessed optional unit) – you will focus developing your skills as a musician and a performer on an instrument of your choice. You will learn a variety of different music and will perform regularly – to the class and to a wider audience in school concerts.

WHAT WILL I DO IN LESSONS?

Most lessons will be practical and you will sing and play musical instruments. You will learn how to practice properly and will work on your own and in groups. You will continue to learn about music theory which will support your practical work.

You will get to meet and interview professional musicians to learn from people who make a living out of performing and composing music.

During Year 9 you will be able to try out different instruments and complete solo and group performances as well as composing music.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO CONSIDER?

This course builds on the musical skills that you have gained during Years 7 and 8. It is best if you can play a musical instrument or are a confident singer although you don't have to be having lessons.

You don't need to be able to read music as you will learn this skill in Year 9.

We will enhance your learning in lessons by attending local concerts and productions outside school.

You will be expected to participate in school concerts and music clubs

In order to gain the most from this course you need to be interested in music of all genres and be willing to explore music that you may never have heard before.

You will be expected to work independently both in and out of class and to commit to regular practice at home.

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK OF THE SUBJECT?

"It is nice to have freedom in the choice of music that we play. It is not all classical"

"The practical work is more enjoyable. There is an opportunity for everyone to participate. We hardly ever sit at desks!"