



SIXTH FORM

Music

Edexcel
AS 8MU01
A2 9MU01



WHY CHOOSE MUSIC?

Music at A Level extends the skills acquired at GCSE, allowing specialist interest to flourish, as well as providing the foundation for a lifetime enjoyment of the “Noble Art” and the opportunity for entry into Higher Education.

The new A/AS course structure will offer the scope for musicians to make a wider selection in the Sixth Form than ever before. The AS course is an excellent bridge beyond GCSE and should be a logical continuation for those achieving a high grade at GCSE.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The study of Music at this level leads to Higher Education openings, both in Music and related fields, and as a valued A Level for many other courses and careers. It is acknowledged to be an A Level which reflects dedication, commitment and perseverance, and which develops personal social communication and work skills.

Although all students study a common core the Edexcel A Level Music syllabus offers options to accommodate specialist interests. It is tailor-made for those who wish to specialise as performers, composers, or musicologists. All modules include a performing element and the breadth of the course should appeal to all musicians with developed skills in this area.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. A Level students will need to be committed to practical performance and to sharing their skills with others. The Recital element benefits greatly from regular performance practice, both within and beyond the school.

Assistance is given to help students prepare for exams and auditions at university and music college.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

Music: There are three papers – performing, composing and developing musical understanding.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Music: This is 30% composition, 30% performing and 40% written examination.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

Music: At A2 Level this course provides further scope for composing, performing and questions on listening and musical understanding.

HOW IS THE A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Music: This course contains externally assessed coursework and performances.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week.

HOW ARE THE COURSES TAUGHT?

Music is taught in small groups as tutorials, workshop sessions and assignments.

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