

# Music

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*You should choose GCSE Music if you enjoy performing and composing music and want to develop your understanding of different musical styles. Music students will be expected to participate in extra-curricular music activities and listen to a wide variety of music from different styles and ethnic backgrounds. Music is a subject that demands self-discipline and it will be essential that you spend time out of lessons practising your instrument and using the computers and/or recording equipment.*

## GCSE Music or

Awarding Body: EDEXCEL

Possible Grades: 9-1

## Course Outline

During the first of the three years, all students will follow an enrichment programme of study to develop the three skills of Performing, Composing and Listening/Appraising as well as introducing the different aspects of music technology. In Years 10 and 11, students will be introduced to the set-works and continue to develop their analytical skills alongside practical performance work and composition skills.

All students will develop performing skills individually and in groups; develop composing skills to organise musical ideas; develop awareness of a variety of instruments, styles and approaches to performing and composing; recognise contrasting genres, styles and traditions of music; and develop awareness of music technologies and their use in the creation and presentation of music.



## Assessment

Written examination: 40%

Controlled assessment: 60%

### Performing (30%)

Practical exam March of Year 11

A solo performance (15%) and an ensemble performance (15%)

### Composing (30%)

Controlled assessment throughout Year 11.

Two compositions. One written to a brief set by the exam board, the other composition chosen by the student.

### Listening (40%)

Written examination (1 hour 15 min) at end of Year 11 based on set works: Instrumental Music 1700 - 1820, Vocal Music, Music for Stage and Screen and Fusions

Specification link:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html>

Recommended text: GCSE Edexcel Music for the Grade 9-1 Exams (CGP 2016)