

Subject: Music GCSE

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Examination Board / Syllabus: (AQA 8271)

What will I study?

A keen interest in music and listening to music is recommended for anyone opting for this subject. It is not essential to play a musical instrument or be a singer to access GCSE Music; when performing students can use music technology on computers but can also DJ or play a musical instrument. The GCSE Music course is delivered in an exciting way giving students of all musical ability an excellent opportunity to develop their musicality through performing, composing and listening.

Through performance, composing and listening activities, students are given insights into a vast selection of music from many different times and cultures, including Popular Music from the 20th and 21st centuries and World Music. The specification includes a flexible approach to performing, giving musicians of all abilities an opportunity to succeed in the subject.

Performing coursework can be completed in many ways. Students can sing or use musical instruments, perform as DJ or use computers to programme their performances. Any piece from any genre can be performed there are no limitations.

Skills needed to study this subject: Students must be good at working individually and as part of a team. They must be willing to take part in class performances. As in all subjects they must be good at meeting deadlines.

How will my work be assessed?

- Coursework 60%
- Exams 40%

What would this subject enable me to do when I leave school?

Possible Careers + Future Study: The GCSE in Music is a good link to A Level Music, Music Technology and other further and higher education courses which can lead to a career in the arts/music. Taking part in music helps students develop confidence, self-belief, motivation, social skills and other important life skills of which all are useful for any career.