

MUSIC

GCSE Music follows the Pearson Specification.	
Course Description	In GCSE Music pupils learn how to improve their performing skills, and gain an insight into how music is composed from initial ideas to the final product. Also, analyse music in a variety of styles, via score analysis and listening appraisal.
Course Level	Level 2
Course Qualifications	GCSE
Examinations	Appraising (40%). A 1hr 45 minutes exam which will assess understanding of set pieces and contain short listening questions, extended answers and questions relating to unfamiliar music.
Coursework	Performing (30%). One solo and one ensemble on any instrument, in any style. Composing (30%). Two compositions; one in response to a brief set by the exam board and a second 'free' piece totalling a minimum time of three minutes.
Assessment	The Performing and Composing components (60%) are internally marked and externally moderated by Edexcel.
Post 16 Education	Music A Level
Careers	GCSE Music is an excellent choice for those wishing to pursue a range of careers such as a Performer, Composer, Sound Engineer, Teacher or careers in media. It is highly respected by higher education and is known to be a demanding and challenging course.
Skills and Attributes	Performance skill to a relative standard is a prerequisite and theory knowledge and an openness to explore all aspects of the musical world would be preferable.

For further information please see Mr I Anderson (Head of Music)