

# GCSE MUSIC

**Type of subject:** Creative, practical and academic

**This subject goes well with:**

Any other combination of subjects but particularly drama

**If you pass this course you could achieve:**

GCSE Grade 9-1



This course has three components:

## Understanding Music

**Component One: Understanding Music (40% of the GCSE)**

Section A of this examination requires the student to listen to unfamiliar music and answer a range of questions which look at areas of study.

Section B is a section which requires extended answers on study pieces.

## Performing Music

**Component Two: Performing Music (30% of the GCSE)**

This section of the course requires the student to record performances of a minimum four minutes. At least one minute should be an ensemble performance, whilst the rest can be made up of individual solo repertoire.

## Composing Music

**Component Three: Composing Music (30% of the GCSE)**

This section of the course is built on two compositions, lasting a minimum of three minutes. One of the compositions is written to a given brief, whilst the remaining composition is of free choice.

**How is the course assessed?**

Component one is an externally marked examination, components two and three are marked internally by the specialist teachers and externally moderated by AQA.

**Additional information:**

Entry is open to any student with a genuine passion for music and who has a principal study. Some knowledge of music theory and the ability to play or sing is highly recommended.

This is a good subject to choose if you want to become an effective team worker, develop self-confidence and extend your creative and evaluative skills. GCSE Music also supports progression to music related courses such music technology and/or a career in the music profession or related entertainment industries.

**Who should I talk to if I want to ask about this subject?**



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