



MUSIC GCSE



Examination Board

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Assessment

Exam 40%- Exam paper in Listening and Appraising Music.

Non-exam assessment

30% Composition (1 own composition and 1 composition to a set brief)
and

30% Performance (1 solo performance and 1 ensemble performance).

What Will You Learn?

Learners are encouraged to be creative and to broaden their musical horizons and understanding with different styles of music within the prescribed Areas of Study which are-

- **Concerto's Through Time-** Students will look at music from the different periods of music and learn this through a focus on Concerto's
- **Rhythms of the World-** Students will study music from around the world such as Samba Music, Mediterranean Music, African drumming and Punjabi Bhangra.
- **Film Music-** Students will look at music within film from throughout the years such as Avatar, James Bond, Pirates of the Caribbean, Star Wars and many more. Students will also look at films composers and consider how music is written to reflect certain moods within films. Students will also study music that has been composed for a soundtrack for video games.
- **Conventions of Pop-** Students will study music from Rock 'n' Roll artists such as The Beatles, Elvis Presley and Beach Boys right through to looking at Rock Anthems from Bon Jovi, Queen, Guns and Roses, Pop Ballads from Elton John and Bob Dylan to Solo Artists such as Adele and Kylie Minogue.

This course will enable learners to explore performance and composition with a focus on their instrument as well as focus on enhancing their overall musicianship. Through studying various genres, styles and eras contained in the Areas of Study, students will explore musical context and musical language.

Who Is This Course For? (This will suit you if...)

GCSE Music is designed and catered for students who are keen to develop their musical skills and knowledge as a performer and composer. Within GCSE Music, your performance skills may be supported through instrumental lessons, this is something that can be arranged within

school with support of the Solihull Music Service.* For this course, you will need to have an awareness of Music Theory which will be taught through a dedicated unit in year 9.

*Instrumental lessons are school funded for Pupil Premium students. Please see Miss Rafferty for more details.

What Happens When You Finish? (Career Pathway)

On completion of this course, you will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding to progress onto an A-Level Music course or Level 3 equivalent.

Having music on your subjects list when you leave school will tell your employer/college many things about you. It will show you have developed the following skills.

- Teamwork
- Dedication
- Perseverance
- Communication
- Leadership
- Confidence
- Creativity
- Self-discipline

Students on the music course will also have the opportunity to attend and potentially perform at the many trips that are run as a Music Department.

In the past students have performed at the following venues

- The Cavern Club in Liverpool
- Abbey Road in London

We have also run trips abroad in the past to New York (residential) and London (Theatre trip), choir and ensemble trips to Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Arena, Symphony Hall in Birmingham.