



COURSE CONTENT

Integrated Portfolio (30% of overall marks)

Pupils perform a piece on their chosen instrument/voice or recreate a piece of music using the computer. They will then record this and compose a piece for their chosen instrument (or voice) or they can choose to compose using the computer.

Practical Component (30% of overall marks)

- Pupils perform a piece as part of an ensemble or recreate a piece of music using the computer
- Pupils compose a piece of music to a brief set by the exam board.

Listening and Appraising Exam (40% of overall marks)

A listening and written paper of up to 1 hour 30 minutes. The listening paper is based on 4 areas of study including Film Music, Rhythm around the world, Pop Music, and the Concerto.

Pupils learn how to use Music Technology to record their performances and to enhance their compositions.

ASSESSMENT

Most of the assessment is coursework (60%).

There is 1 exam based on listening to examples from the areas of study (40%).

PROGRESSION & FUTURE CAREERS

Music GCSE is useful for pupils who want to go in to the arts, creative media, teaching and working with children, the elderly or those with disabilities.

Pupils who have GCSE music learn how to perform which is a life skill useful in future interviews and presentations. It also shows employers that you are able to persevere in terms of regular practice in order to achieve the highest standards on your instrument/voice.