

GCSE MUSIC



Why study GCSE Music?

Do you love listening to Music?

Do you enjoy performing?

Do you write your own songs?

Do you enjoy finding out about new styles and genres of music?

Do you like playing the keyboard or trying new instruments?

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You will learn about music through three components:

- 1) Performing (30%)
- 2) Composing (30%)
- 3) Listening & Appraising (40%)

Performing Music (30%)

+ One solo performance (15%)

+ One ensemble (group) performance (15%)

You can perform on any instrument or sing

You can perform in any style – rock, pop, jazz, classical, musical theatre etc

All performances for GCSE Music are recorded in the music studio with your music teacher.

You do not have to perform in front of anyone.

If you do enjoy performing in front of an audience, there will be plenty of opportunities in the music concerts.



Performing Music (30%)

Instrumental Lessons

We encourage all GCSE Music students to have one to one instrumental lessons.

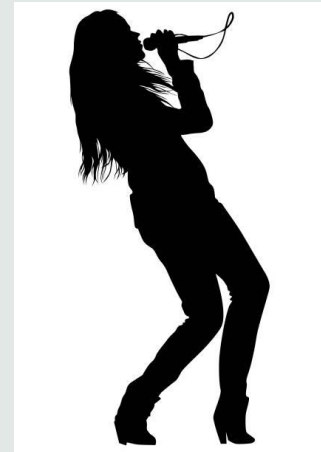
These can be taken in school with a tutor from Kingston Music Services.

We have bid for some money to help fund for the instrumental lessons. We are hoping to offer 50% off all instrumental lessons from September 2022.



Performing Music (30%)

Here are some examples of performance work



Composing Music (30%)

- + One Electronic Dance Music composition (15%)
- + One composition that the exam board sets to a brief (15%)

1) The EDM composition is realised on music technology software called 'Soundtrap'. This is an online software package that students can also use for their own compositions

2) The composition set by the exam board will be realised on 'Sibelius' software which supports student understanding of how to read musical notes



Composing Music (30%)

Here is an example of the Electronic Dance Music composition



Listening & Appraising Music (40%)

You will listen and study eight pieces of music from the following Areas of Study:

Instrumental Music

Vocal Music

Stage & Screen

Fusions

At the end of the course, you will have an exam where you listen to the pieces of music and answer questions on what you hear.

E.g. What instrument can you hear? What is the tempo of the music?



Why study GCSE Music?

- You will be taught by a teacher with many years of experience of getting top grades
- You will be able to play a range of instruments and learn how to be an expert performer.
 - You will have the opportunity to have part-funded instrumental lessons
- You will have access to some amazing music software to create your own music
- You will have an opportunity to be in concerts and go on trips to see shows and gigs. We're also planning to do a music tour next year!