



GCSE Music

From September 2022 we will be changing from Btec Music to GCSE Music

GCSE Music will help you learn essential skills from appraising music, performing and composing. The **Eduqas** GCSE Music course involves solo/ensemble performances and composition (music making) coursework. Students will also complete a 75min appraising exam, where the students will answer questions on a wide range of music from Bach to Toto including a number of works that the students will study closely in lessons.

Students will be able to take part in heavily subsidised instrumental/Vocal lessons delivered by specialist instrumental teachers from Trafford Music Service. It is crucial that students take part in weekly extra-curricular instrumental / vocal lessons and perform on their instrument to a proficient standard (Ideally minimum Grade 3).

Individual practice needs to be undertaken at home, in preparation for solo and ensemble performances. Advice and guidance from specialist instrumental teachers allow for individual progression outside the classroom.

Skills needed and developed:

The course builds on knowledge from Key Stage 3 and gives students the opportunity to further develop a variety of skills:

Individual performance skills

Ensemble performance skills

Composition skills

Appraising Skills

Qualification gained at completion of the course:

GCSE Music at grade 9-1

Exam Board: Eduqas

Possible Pathways and Careers:

Various career opportunities within music technology (eg. Studio, Television and Radio work)

Music Composer

Music Conductor

Music Teacher

Popular / Classical Musician