



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 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 must be undertaken at home and in free time outside of lesson time in preparation for solo and ensemble performances – musical equipment can be loaned from school if needed. 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
- Listening and Appraising Skills
- Music Theory Knowledge

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/Producer
- Music Conductor
- Music Teacher
- Popular / Classical Musician