

Students will build upon the knowledge gained at GCSE or BTEC to develop an advanced knowledge of all aspects of music, focusing on performance, composition and musical appraisal in particular.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 4 in GCSE English
- Grade 4 in GCSE Maths
- Grade 6 in GCSE Music or
- Merit in BTEC Music

Skills required:

- Instrumental/vocal performance
- Development of musical ideas
- Written analysis of music

Units studied:

- Unit 1 - Performing Music
- Unit 2 - Composing Music
- Unit 3 - Developing Musical Understanding

Assessment is in the form of one written exam at the end of year 13, which is based on a group of set works set by the exam board. Students also submit a performance portfolio, which is at least 8 minutes in duration, plus a composition portfolio which is at least six minutes in length, including one free composition and one technical study.

Futures:

Students will be able to study for a degree in music which leads to a number of jobs including performance, research, composition and teaching. Music is one of the most transferable subjects on the curriculum with future destinations are varied and broad.

Subject enrichment:

Our enrichment provision includes visits to concerts and taking part in residencies. There are various musical groups within school to ensure that students continually have fun and make excellent academic progress.