

GCSE Music

Edexcel GCSE Music (Code: 2MU01)

What will I learn?

You will learn how to engage actively in the study of music. The course includes the study of performing both as an individual and as part of an ensemble. You will also study composition and music history through the study of a number of set works and songs. For those who prefer not to perform live, it is possible to learn Music Technology techniques and be assessed on those skills instead.

How is the course structured?

There are 3 units in the GCSE specification: Unit 1 Performance; Unit 2 Composition; Unit 3 Listening and Analysis. In unit 1 – Performance you will perform both a solo and an ensemble performance, in unit 2 – Composition you will compose or arrange two pieces of music and in Unit 3 – Listening and Analysis you will study 12 set works from four areas of study AOS1 Western Classical Music from 1600-1899, AOS2 20th Century Music, AOS3 Popular Music in Context and AOS4 World Music.

How will I study?

You will study in a range of styles including practical work to embed theoretical learning. 60% of the course is practical coursework with 40% being a listening exam.

How will I be assessed?

Performances and compositions are recorded and assessed within the academy throughout the course, and moderated by external examiners. The Listening and Analysis unit is assessed by a formal written examination of 1.5 hours. Unit 1 Performance is worth 30% of the final grade, Unit 2 Composition is worth 30% of the final grade and Unit 3 Listening and Analysis is worth 40% of the final grade.

