



GCSE Music

- CORE COMPULSORY
- NON-QUALIFICATION
- OPTION
- EBACC SUBJECT

Examination board **Pearson Edexcel**

Course code **2MU01**

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Course description

GCSE Music is for those who enjoy performing music in their own time and are learning to play an instrument, having singing lessons, or enjoy creating music using computers or in a recording studio.

You will learn how to improve your performing skills, both as a soloist and as part of a group. Through your work in composing and arranging, you will gain an understanding of many styles and concepts in music. You will also learn to analyse and broaden your knowledge of many genres, including world, classical and popular music through your study of 12 set works.

The Edexcel course offers music performance and music technology pathway options which can be 'mixed and matched' depending on your strengths. This gives everyone, no matter what their instrumental experience or ability, the opportunity to excel.

Entry requirements

Can play or sing to a Grade 2 standard (however you do not have to have taken a graded exam).

Key skills

A good team player, independent study, creative thinking and time management.

Cost

We recommend these books:

Edexcel GCSE Music Study Guide £16.99

ISBN 978-1906178789

Edexcel GCSE Revision Guide £7.99

ISBN 978-1907447099

Assessment

30% Performance	One solo performance or One sequenced performance	One ensemble performance or One multi-track recording
30% Composition	Two compositions in two different styles either on your instrument or on Sibelius or Logic.	
40% Examination	A 90 minute listening exam based on the 12 set works you will study throughout the course.	

Careers

Performer, Composer, Arranger, Studio Engineer, Producer, Teacher, Theatre Technician, Music Therapist.

Further education opportunities

Students who successfully complete GCSE Music will have the opportunity to go onto study A Level Music, and A Level Music Technology.

Enrichment & Support

- After school theory, composition and performance clinics.
- Concert Band, Year 10 Jazz Band.