

Music A Level

Overview

Studying this course will enable you to:

Continue developing your love of performing music.

Explore your ideas and create new music.

Broaden your pleasure of listening to a variety of musical styles.

Discover how and why music has developed the way it has.

Continue exploring music through ICT and recording equipment.

Where else can you play music and get coursework credit for it, create and record your own music, listen to music in class and learn about different styles of music.

Music A level will focus on your creative development as an individual, with the care and expertise of teachers who understand your strengths and weaknesses.

Will this course suit me?

Students are expected to supplement class lessons with individual instrument tuition, instrument practice and independent study time on composition tasks.

All musicians are welcome and students are free to choose any instrument(s) and/or voice(s) and perform music in any style. Students can perform from a score, or improvise, as appropriate.

The composition component of the course allows students to explore areas that inspire and interest them. Students benefit from the two computer suites featuring Sibelius notation software on Apple Mac computers.

Students are expected to have a good level of music theory knowledge and skills, to understand scales and chords. An ability to read music is an integral tool in understanding how music works. It is therefore recommended that students have GCSE Music before embarking on the A level Music course.

Opportunities

Music A level provides an excellent basis for lifelong learning and for higher education courses in Music. Many students who take A level Music continue with their studies at university. The three units of the course can lead to studies in Performance, Composition, Musicology, Ethnomusicology, Sound Engineering, Conducting, Popular Music, Jazz and Music Education. The multi-tasking required in music as a subject is beneficial to many different career paths with university music students often recruited to management positions in business.