



**KIRKHAM**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## MUSIC

**Examination Board:** AQA

**Course:** The GCSE Music course covers the three main areas of the subject: Understanding Music, Performing and Composing.

These three areas are closely linked and give the opportunity for the individual candidate to explore areas of personal interest and to develop a greater all round musicianship.

**Assessment:** Component 1: Understanding Music (40% of the total mark).

Pupils explore four areas of study. The four areas are:

- Western classical tradition
- Popular music
- Traditional music
- Western classical tradition since 1910

Component 2: Performing Music (30% of the total mark)

Pupils submit recordings of two performances; one individual and one ensemble. These are usually recorded in the March of the Fifth Year.

Component 3: Composing Music (30% of the total mark)

Pupils compose one piece of music which is linked to a brief. Pupils have the opportunity to compose a piece of music in any style or genre of their own choosing.