

# MUSIC

<b>Qualification:</b>	<b>GCSE</b>
<b>Available to:</b>	<b>All students</b>
<b>Awarding Body:</b>	<b>EDUQAS</b>

## SKILLS REQUIRED

An ability to perform on an instrument or sing. Being able to identify different instruments is also important. If you have a love of Music and are dedicated, then this is the course for you!

## COURSE OVERVIEW

### DETAIL

GCSE Music is a fun and rewarding course that covers many different genres of music. It consists of three main elements - performing, composing and listening.

There are four areas of study:

- Musical Forms and Devices
- Music for Ensemble
- Film Music
- Popular Music

Set Work:

- Badinerie by Bach
- Africa by Toto



The coursework includes performances on your chosen instrument (voice included). You will record a minimum of two pieces, one of which must be an ensemble performance of at least one minute duration. The other piece(s) may be either solo and/ or ensemble. One of the pieces performed must link to one of the areas of study. Your total performance time must last 4-6 minutes and are worth 30% of the final grade. You have to complete two compositions; one of which must be in response to a brief set by WJEC. Learners will choose one brief from a choice of four, each one linked to a different area of study. The briefs will be released during the first week of September in the academic year in which the assessment is to be taken. The second composition is a free composition for which learners set their own brief. Your Compositions must last 3-6 minutes in total and are worth 30% of the final grade. A listening exam covering all of the Areas of Study and including the set works is worth 40% of your final grade.

## POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES

Following on from GCSE, students can pursue their musical studies with either A level Music, Music Technology or a Level 3 BTEC in Music. Careers options for music include performance academic scholarship, teaching media-based careers such as broadcasting recording and sound engineering. Music has many skills that are useful in business and management.

## ASSESSMENT

There is a mixture of coursework and exam.  
Coursework is set and marked by the teacher (60%)  
Exam is marked externally (40%)