



Music

Who is this course for?

Students who have a proven ability in Music and wish to develop an understanding of the organisation of sounds, the context of music, and musical styles and genres. You will create musical ideas with technical control and expressive understanding, making creative use of musical devices, conventions and resources. You will perform solo and/or ensemble music or via music technology.

What will I study?

Component 1 (Appraising Music):

Western classical tradition 1650 – 1910 (compulsory unit)

Two units of the following:

- * Pop music
- * Music for media
- * Music for theatre
- * Jazz
- * Contemporary traditional music * Art music since 1910.

Component 2 (Performance):

You will perform and record a minimum of 10 minutes of solo and/or ensemble music or music production (via technology)

Component 3 (Composition):

You will compose two pieces lasting a minimum of 4 and a half minutes total duration.

Composition 1 will be written to a given brief.

Composition 2 will be a free composition.

How will I be assessed?

Combination of written exams and controlled performance and composition assessment.

Course entry requirements

Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above in different subjects including English and Maths. Music GCSE is not necessary but a high standard of musical competence is required.

What can I do with this qualification?

Study for a degree in Music or related courses, go into Teaching, Professional Performance, Music Technology related career or Music Marketing.

Also consider: Music Technology, Performing Arts, most other A Levels.

