

Details at a Glance

Qualification

GCSE

Level

1 & 2

Exam Board

WJEC

Tiered

No

Limited Group size

Yes



Staff

Mrs K Evans

Mr G Thomas

Course Structure

In order to take Music at KS4, pupils **must** be able to play a musical instrument or sing to a good standard. You will also be expected to take part in **at least** one musical extra-curricular activity.

WJEC is developing a reformed GCSE Music qualification for first teaching from September 2016. The current course is based on skills learned in years 7 to 9. It contains a range of musical activities in which pupils show a keen interest, some of which are from the area of rock and pop music. Pupils are encouraged to

perform both in and out of school in whatever musical style interests them.

Careers

Performing, acting, theatre and backstage work, radio and TV, Teaching (classroom, peripatetic, private) Military and Brass Bands (HM Forces), Recording, publishing, distribution and retail, agency and PR work, arts journalism, management and marketing, instrument making and repair.



Examination/Assessment

Appraising (30%)

Written exam testing pupils' skill in interpreting what they hear, based on the 4 Areas of Study - Musical Forms and Devices, Music for Ensemble, Film Music and Popular Music.

Performing (35%)

Two performances, one solo, one as part of a group which will be marked in school (30%). There will also be a written task worth 5%.

Composing (35%)

Pupils will compose a variety of pieces. Two of these will be chosen for submitting as coursework (30%). There will also be a written task worth 5%.