

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** 1 musical extra-curricular activity.

The GCSE 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 film scores and 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. This is based on the 4 areas of study -

1. Musical Forms and Devices
2. Music for Ensemble.
3. Film Music
4. Popular Music

Performing (35%)

Two performances, one solo, one as part of a group and the other a solo. These will be marked in school + externally moderated by the WJEC. There is also a written task worth 5% based on 1 of the performed pieces.

Composing (45%)

Pupils have to compose 2 pieces -

One in a style of their choice and the other to a brief set by the WJEC. There is also a written task worth 5% based on an evaluation of the set brief composition.