

# GCSE MUSIC

## ABOUT THE SUBJECT:

Music is part of the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty. AQA GCSE (9-1) Music allows you to learn how music 'works', to reach your potential as a music artist, choose to play any instrument, sing, DJ or use music technology and compose and produce your own music in any style. This course is suitable for students who enjoy:

- \* Playing an instrument or singing (Grade 1 – 8 is preferable)
- \* Learning about music technology and composition techniques
- \* Joining music clubs and enrichments
- \* Developing ensemble and composition skills
- \* Listening and researching composers/artists
- \* Theory and reading music scores

A successful musician will need to demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment and good discipline in making music and performing different styles of music.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will receive instrumental lessons throughout the course and build on your performing skills in preparation for a solo and group performance exam. You will also be expected to widen your knowledge about music theory and listening appraisal skills.

### Course Outline:

During Year 9: You will develop your own musical ideas in our dedicated iMac room or our brand new Recording Studio. You will develop performance abilities and study a range of music from pop to classical, from traditional to world music.

During Year 10 and 11: You will extend your performance and composing skills and study set musical works whilst building your knowledge of contextualizing music

## ASSESSMENT

The exams and coursework will be measured on how you have achieved the following assessment objectives.

AO1 Perform with technical control, expression and interpretation

AO2 Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence

AO3 Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge

AO4 Use appraising skills to make evaluative and critical judgments about music

During Year 11: The course will prepare you for the listening exam and all coursework will be submitted. Performing (30%) Composing (30%) Listening and Contextual Understanding (40%)

## WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

A positive and professional attitude and The ability to be an independent learner

## BEYOND YEAR 11

After studying GCSE music you can do an 'A' Level Music course or Level 3 BTEC equivalent.