

# GCSE Music – CCEA

## Why study Music?

Music is a subject that includes a wide variety of transferable skills. It develops self-confidence through performance as well as creativity, both skills highly valued in the Business world. It also demonstrates a disciplined perseverance through the long-term study of an instrument.

- Through the study of Music you will learn to:
- Develop your creativity
- Develop critical listening skills
- Think logically and solve problems through analysis
- Gain experience in software technology and recording skills
- Develop self-confidence through individual and group performance
- Communicate and work as part of a team

GCSE MUSIC is divided into 3 components

### 1. Composing (controlled assessment) 30%

To compose 2 contrasting compositions lasting max 3 mins each using modern technology.

### 2. Performing 35%

To perform in front of an external examiner, 1 solo and 1 ensemble piece at the level equivalent to grade 3 (higher graded pieces will gain extra marks) with a short discussion (worth 5%)

### 3. Listening and Appraising (external assessment) 35%

1 listening paper split into 2 x 45 min sections) based on the study of set pieces from a wide variety of styles and eras including many examples of modern music and songs.

