

Name of Course	MUSIC
Examination Board	EDEXCEL
<p>Is this the right course for me? If you enjoy performing music in your own time and are learning an instrument, having singing lessons or enjoy creating music then this is a good subject to choose. If you would like to create your own music, then the composing element of the course will give you plenty of opportunities. If you enjoy listening to music and would like to broaden your knowledge of all types of music including: classical, popular and world styles, then GCSE music will give you an appreciation of the diversity of musical styles that exist today.</p>	
<p>Performing: 30% (Coursework) Students are encouraged to perform regularly throughout the GCSE course. Performances may be on any instrument and in any style. You will be assessed on two of these performances, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Solo performance</i>: where you will either be performing alone or maintain a significant leading/solo role in a performance. • <i>Ensemble performance</i>: a group performance. 	
<p>Composing: 30% (Coursework) Students produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two compositions - One free choice and one from a brief. 	
<p>Listening: 40% (Examination) The course covers the following areas of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental Music 1700–1820 • Vocal Music • Music for Stage and Screen • Fusions <p>As we study and analyse the set of works, students will gain knowledge and understanding of the music and how they fit into the musical context as a whole. We look at the following areas: musical elements, musical contexts and musical language. There is a 90 minute exam at the end of the course which is externally assessed.</p>	
<p>Trips There are varied performances and trips available to students and these are arranged throughout the year.</p>	
<p>Resources – these will be provided during the course.</p>	
<p>For further details contact Mrs Carol MacTaggart, Leader of Learning Performance</p>	

