

Music (EDEXCEL)

ABOUT THE COURSE

A-Level Music is a challenging, yet rewarding choice of study. It combines academic rigour and practical focus and builds on the listening, composing and performing skills already developed at GCSE.

KEY FEATURES

- Anthology based study featuring a range of music from Baroque to the present day.
- Development of Performance Skills
- Composition portfolio based

WHY CHOOSE A LEVEL MUSIC?

Whilst studying Music at Scarisbrick Hall, students will have the chance to develop the three core skills in the subject; listening, composing and performing. The course has an ideal combination of academic rigour with practical focus. It would be useful for pupils who wish to follow a career in either Classical or Popular Music. The course would also be a fascinating voyage of discovery for candidates who are interested in developing their love of Music without necessarily making it their future profession. It is also a highly valued qualification and recognised by Oxbridge as one of the most academically rigorous.

Scarisbrick Hall School also offers the support of our Musician in Residence for Performance classes as well as an Elite Performance Programme with some of the top artists working in the UK today. We also offer a range of composition master classes with composers such as Andy Scott.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

- 40% written exam, assessing each pupil's understanding of a wide variety of music, such as Western Classical, Baroque Choral studied from the Anthology.
- 30% externally assessed coursework; two compositions, one set to a brief from the Exam Board
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Why choose A Level Music?

Britain's world-leading music industry has a record share of the global market.

British acts have had the world's top selling album for five of the last six years?

British Music is enjoyed round the world and creates thousands of jobs which contribute to the economy?

Music (both Classical and Popular) has always been fundamental to Britain's identity as a nation and this has been the case for hundreds of years?

Study Music at A Level and develop the skills and expertise that could lead you into Britain's most vibrant and creative industry.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The subject requires a good level of performance ability on an instrument of the candidate's choice. This would ideally be at a level above Grade 5 in the Associated Board examinations. The most important requirement is the desire to explore music from diverse periods and countries. An interest and flair in musical composition is also highly desirable, as 30% of the overall examination covers this subject area.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- A course that manages to combine academic rigour with plenty of opportunities for practical music making.
- The opportunity to build a portfolio of musical compositions and experiment with different styles and techniques.
- The development of transferable skills which are relevant to the world we live in – creative thinking, research, evaluation, communication and good teamwork.
- A valuable and well respected entrance qualification for university.

This is a course that opens up a range of possibilities in the world of work as well as in further and higher education.

WHERE CAN A LEVEL MUSIC TAKE ME?

Many Music students go on to study the subject at Degree level, performance arts colleges or conservatoires. The course provides:

- An excellent grounding for studying Music at university or highly regarded establishments such as the Royal College of Music.
- A range of exciting and rewarding career possibilities including lecturing, teaching, arts administration, broadcasting, conducting or performing.

Are you...?

Wanting to study Music at university or at a conservatoire?

Wanting to add value to your other A-Levels?

Looking for a course that is both creative and academically challenging?

Thinking about a career in the Music industry?

Fascinated about why Music is such a compelling part of everyday life?

If so, A Level Music is for you!

