MUSIC

Exam Board: Eduqas
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 or above in Music. Students should be Grade 5 standard on their first instrument.
Other Requirements: Students are required to be members of at least 3 music ensembles in or outside of school such as an Orchestra, Choir or Jazz Band. Being a member of an ensemble is vital to develop students' performance skill as well as their musicianship and understanding of music.

COURSE SUMMARY

A level music is a highly academic and well-regarded A level. The course involves performance, composition and appraising music. Students will have the opportunity to perform varied and challenging repertoire from a wide range of musical traditions, to study and analyse music in great depth and to compose music in a variety of different styles. A level music students will also have the opportunity to access subsidised instrumental lessons. Music has a high profile at the Academy and Post 16 students are expected and encouraged to take a lead in the variety of extra-curricular activities such as Orchestra, Choir and Samba.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Component 1: Performing Music

Option A: 35% of A level. A performance of a minimum of three pieces of 10-12 minutes either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble.

Option B: 25% of A level. A performance of a minimum of two pieces of 6-8 minutes either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble.

Component 2: Composing Music

Option A: 25% of A level. Two compositions, one of which must reflect the musical techniques and conventions associated with the Western Classical Tradition.

Option B: 35% of A level. Three compositions, one of which must reflect the musical techniques and conventions associated with the Western Classical Tradition.

Component 3: Appraising

40 % of A level . A 2 hour and 15 minutes written examination.

CAREER CHOICES

Music would be a course suitable for any students who wish to pursue it further at University and as a higher specialist subject. The music industry is a very diverse industry with a whole range of different jobs such as performer, composer, producer, event manager, music education, music therapist and many more. Studying music is considered an attractive subject for many employers due to the skills it develops including : confidence, communication, evaluation and working with others.