



A Level Music

Why study Music?

Music is all around us in so many different forms, and A Level Music offers the chance to develop a greater understanding of how it has influenced society throughout the ages. Music is mathematically-rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously. Music is a world of language – most of the terms are in Italian, German or French and the semantics of music is a complete and universal language

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Component 1 –Performing Music:

This unit presents the opportunity to perform one or more pieces in the form of a recital. The piece(s) can be in

Which activities will I be engaged in during the course?

Music lessons are versatile, engaging, informative and interactive. Students will have the opportunity to take part in many activities including:

- Research tasks on different composers, musical styles, genres and eras.

- Solo and ensemble performance with other members of the class.

- Compositional techniques and tasks, including rewriting a piece of popular music in a different genre.

- Evaluating their own and others' musical work in order to further develop their own musical understanding.

- Using computer software packages such as Sibelius and Logic to apply different compositional tools to their own work.

- The opportunity for school visits to concerts at the Royal Albert Hall, the Southbank Centre, the Royal Opera House and the Royal Festival Hall.

How can I prepare for the course?

The following is a list of recommended textbooks and websites in preparation for studying AS/A Level Music which will be referred to throughout the course: