

Welcome to Year 10 Music



GCSE Music course comprises three main sections:

Performance

A solo performance on your chosen instrument.

A performance as part of an ensemble on an instrument of your choice.

These performances have to be a minimum of four minutes long in total and at least one minute of that must be as part of an ensemble. You can perform as many pieces as you wish to fill this time.

You can have as many attempts at recording your performances as required, so you can use the best possible performance for your assessment.

Composition

A composition based on a brief set by you.

A composition based on a brief set by the exam board. You will have a choice and they will be set in the September of Year 11.

The compositions must be worked on in school.

Listening and Appraising

You will learn about the features of a wide range of genres of music (Areas of Study).

There are a lot of styles to study - the more listening you do to different genres, the better your level of understanding will be.

Assessment

Solo performance = 15%.

Ensemble performance = 15%.

Composition to your brief = 15%.

Composition to exam board's brief = 15%.

Listening exam = 40%.