

Music

Exam Board: Edexcel/Pearson

Specification: A Level 9 MU0

Entry Criteria: Grade 6 – GCSE Music. You need to be proficient on at least one instrument to Grade 5. All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics.

What will I study:

During the Music course students study all three of the main musical disciplines of Performing, Composing and Appraising. Students will also develop solo and/or ensemble performance skills as well as aural skills and develop creativity through compositions.

A Level Units

Unit 1: Performing

Students must perform a minimum of one piece, performed and interpreted as a recital. Performance can be a solo, as part of an ensemble, improvisation, realisation using music technology or a combination of these. Total performance time across the recital must be a minimum of 8 minutes of music.

Unit 2: Composing

Students must submit two compositions of a combined duration of at least 6 minutes:

Composition 1 (free choice): can be chosen from six briefs relating to areas of study or free composition. Carrying 40 marks of the composing assessment. This composition must be at least 4 minutes in duration.

Composition 2: must be from a list of four briefs assessing technique. Carrying 20 marks of the composing assessment. This composition must be at least 1 minute in duration.

Unit 3: Appraising

Students will learn the content of musical elements, context and language through six compulsory areas of study.

Final Qualification: A Level

Progression Pathways:

These courses would be of value if you were considering one of the following careers: Professional Musician (performer), working with sound / music technology, Composer / Arranger, Conductor, Musical Theatre, Music Teacher, Primary School Teacher, Music Librarian, Arts Administrators.

Course Leader: Mrs Waite

Specification Link: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/music-2016.html>