



# MUSIC

## What will I learn at A-Level?

The music A-Level course is split into three sections in a similar way to the AQA GCSE course. You will study:

1. Appraising Music – Here you will Listen, analyse and understand context of music. This will be taught through three strands covering key genres:

- Baroque: the solo concerto
- Classical: the operas of Mozart
- Romantic: the piano music of Chopin, Brahms and Grieg.

2. Performance – You must perform as a soloist and ensemble musician or complete a performance using Music technology.

3. Composition – You will compose 2 pieces of music . One must be in response to an externally set brief (Composition 1) and the other a free composition (Composition 2).

### Qualification

A-Level

### Start Date

September 2020

### Finish Date

June 2022

There are seven areas of study. You will study one as a compulsory unit and choose two from the list below.

1. Western classical tradition 1650–1910 (compulsory)
2. **Pop music** - Stevie Wonder • Joni Mitchell • Muse • Beyoncé • Daft Punk • Labrinth
3. **Music for media** - Bernard Herrmann • Hans Zimmer • Michael Giacchino • Thomas Newman • Nobuo Uematsu
4. **Music for theatre** - Kurt Weill • Richard Rodgers • Stephen Sondheim • Claude-Michel Schönberg • Jason Robert Brown
5. **Jazz** - Louis Armstrong • Duke Ellington • Charlie Parker • Miles Davis • Pat Metheny • Gwilym Simcock
6. **Contemporary tradition** - Astor Piazzolla • Toumani Diabaté • Anoushka Shankar • Mariza • Bellowhead.
7. **Art music since 1910** - Dmitri Shostakovich • Olivier Messiaen • Steve Reich • James MacMillan

### Future opportunities

Music Degree, Musician, Music teacher, Private instrumental teacher, Sound technician / broadcasting / film / video, composer, Sound Engineer, Music therapist, Music Business, Community arts worker, Event manager and Radio broadcast assistant.

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### Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English  
AND  
EITHER Grade 5 in Music  
OR a pass in a Grade 5 practical  
music examination