

Course Level

A Level

Awarding Body

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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Music or Grade 5 in an instrument/voice if GCSE Music has not been taken.

Assessment

See table opposite.

MUSIC

The WJEC Eduqas A Level Music course offers a broad and exciting mix of styles, giving students the opportunity to explore both classical and popular music in depth. You'll study the development of the symphony through key orchestral works, helping you understand how musical elements and language have evolved over time. Alongside this, you'll compose your own piece of music inspired by the techniques and styles of the period. You'll also have the chance to personalise your studies by choosing from areas such as Pop and Rock, Musical Theatre, or Jazz, as well as exploring music from the early twentieth century or the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. This course is perfect for students who enjoy performing, composing, and discovering how different styles of music connect and influence one another.

Performing A	- Playing or singing solo (compulsory) or in an ensemble or realising music through music technology – the focus is on a live performance. - At least 3 contrasting pieces. - Recital - minimum 10- 12 minutes (visiting examiner)	35%
Composing A	- Composing 2 separate pieces of music. - One to a brief set by Educas (in the West Classical tradition). - One 'free' composition. - At least 4-6 mins.	25%
Performing B	- Playing or singing solo (compulsory) or in an ensemble or realising music through music technology – the focus is on a live performance. - At least 2 contrasting pieces. - Recital - minimum 6-8 minutes (visiting examiner)	25%
Composing B	- Composing 3 separate pieces of music. - One to a brief set by Educas (in the West Classical tradition). - Two 'free' composition. One must reflect a different Area of study. - At least 8-10 mins.	35%
Listening and Appraising	Listening exam including; aural awareness, set work analysis using scores and historical context essay questions.	40%

Learners will choose **Performing A** and **Composing A** OR **Performing B** and **Composing B**

Special Requirements

Students will be expected to have weekly instrumental/vocal lessons (25% reduced fees at Birchwood) either in or outside of school and to take part in extra ensembles and concerts. A good GCSE Music grade along with Grade 5, or equivalent in performing and theory, is desirable to access this course. Please speak to the Music staff to discuss this further if you have any queries.

Career and progression opportunities

This A Level in Music can lead to further study in Music or Performing Arts in Higher Education at degree or HND level. Music may lead to a career in the music industry.

Link to specification: [AS and A Level Music | Eduqas](#)