

Why study Music?

The Music course is for learners who have a keen interest in either listening to or making music as a hobby or who want to study Music or in fact ANY subject at university or college level.

To quote Oxford University, "Studying Music enables students to develop highly-desirable skills in areas such as self-management, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication; all of which makes them an attractive prospect for potential employers. Rather than limiting your career prospects, a music degree opens doors to a wide range of careers."

What will this involve?

GCSE in Music at grade B or above, or a relevant music theory qualification (eg grade 5 theory). It is essential learners taking this course have regular vocal or instrumental lessons with a professional tutor.

At AS Level students study:

Performing: as a soloist and / or part of an ensemble.

Composing: using the 'Sibelius' computer software to compose two contrasting pieces of music.

Appraising: Appraising: two areas of study - a study of Western Classical Tradition plus a study of Musical Theatre (shows by Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Claude-Michel Schonberg and Andrew Lloyd Webber)

Performing examinations take place around April (date set by the WJEC); composition coursework will need to be completed in the spring term and the appraising examination will take place in the summer term.

Where do I go from here?

The entertainment industry is currently one of the few growing, thriving and developing industries in the UK. A high percentage of students who study Music opt to study either at Performing Arts Colleges, Conservatoires, Universities and Colleges. The "Russell Group" who represent the top 24 universities look very favourable upon students who have taken A Level Music as their 2nd, 3rd or 4th subject as it prepares students well for studying at diploma, advanced diploma and degree levels. However, students may also opt to pursue music as a hobby.