

Music

Studying Music at Keystage 4 - The new syllabus started in September 2013 and includes 2 core units on The Music Industry and Managing a Music Product. Students then have optional units that cover introductions to Live Sound, Composition, Performance, Recording and Sequencing. There is a one hour written exam paper on core unit 1 The Music Industry which is 25% of the grade. The rest is modular and will be assessed by their teacher and checked by the exam board. All students will complete two compulsory units plus two further units.

Exam board is Edexcel <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/firsts2012/music/Pages/default.aspx>

The aim of the course is have a broad range of experiences with links to the music Industry. Students are expected to attend choir and extra theory sessions to gain a higher level and this will help some of them go on to study A Level Music or a BTEC Diploma in sixth form. This course really suits keen, motivated students who are passionate about singing and/or playing an instrument. Assignments will need to be completed to a high standard and students must meet their deadlines.

What are students expected to do for homework?

- Regular practice every week.
- Keep a diary/blog/podcast about their learning.
- Develop their ideas for composition tasks.
- Research composers, musical styles and different structures.
- Listen to and explore different types of music.
- Write a review of any live performance they attend.

Assessment

Students sit a 1 hour written paper in Year 11 which is 25% of their grade. The remaining 75% is course work. Each unit is organised into assignments focusing on different assessment criteria which are given to the student in the form of a brief. Each assignment is internally assessed during the course and students must submit their work on the agreed deadline. BTEC guidelines allow a student to resubmit their work only once for every assignment they complete, provided they have submitted work on the first deadline. If the initial deadline is missed, only their first submission is accepted and this is the grade submitted to the board.