



# GCSE in Music

Exam Board: Eduqas

# Why should I choose Music?

-  Because you enjoy it and you get pleasure from learning about music and being musically creative
-  Because you would like to develop an understanding and appreciation of a broad range of styles of music and to confidently understand the 'workings' of music
-  Because your practical skills of composing music and performing will be developed and refined and because studying music will show you as a creative, reflective and resilient person –desirable skills for any Post -16 place of study and for any future career due to the transferrable skills music offers
-  Because Music is accessible to everyone: Although GCSE Music is a natural choice for students who play a musical instrument or sing, the study of music is not limited to experienced or confident performers....music is a great option for you if you enjoy creating or producing music and using music software too, in whatever styles of music you enjoy....you just need an open mind to all aspects of the course



# What will I study and how will I be assessed?

## Component 1 Performing

♪ 30%

♪ Teacher assessed

♪ A portfolio of two pieces of music lasting a total of 4-6 minutes

♪ One of your pieces must be an ensemble (group piece)

♪ The 'standard' level is grade 3 music or the equivalent standard –but you absolutely do not have to be doing graded exams on an instrument to access this course. Mark adjustments are made for music that is below or above this standard. Very good marks can still be achieved by playing more simple music very well

♪ You can use any instrument or voice to perform on



# What will I study and how will I be assessed?

## Component 2 Composing

♪ 30%

♪ Teacher assessed

♪ Two compositions: One in response to a brief set by the exam board and one free composition – ANY style you want to write in



# What will I study and how will I be assessed?

## Component 3 Listening and Appraising

♪ 40%

♪ Externally assessed listening examination: identifying features of a range of pieces of music

♪ Listening examination: 8 questions, 2 on each area of study:

AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices (including a set work\*)

AoS 2 Music for Ensemble

AoS 3 Film Music

AoS 4 Popular Music (including a set work\*)



# Career Progression?

- ✦ The aim of GCSE Music is not only for students to primarily develop skills and knowledge of music and to participate in music recreationally, but to prepare you should you wish to pursue Music Post-16 or perhaps beyond that with a future career in the music industry
- ✦ This course will support progression to a more specialised Level 3 vocational or 'A Level' music course should you choose to study music beyond KS4, although it is a super course in its own right even if you do not pursue it beyond GCSE level
- ✦ Alongside this, the study of music brings with it opportunities to develop your musicianship both independently and as part of a wider community
- ✦ The UK's creative industries are a cornerstone of the national economy: there are lots of music related job opportunities out there.



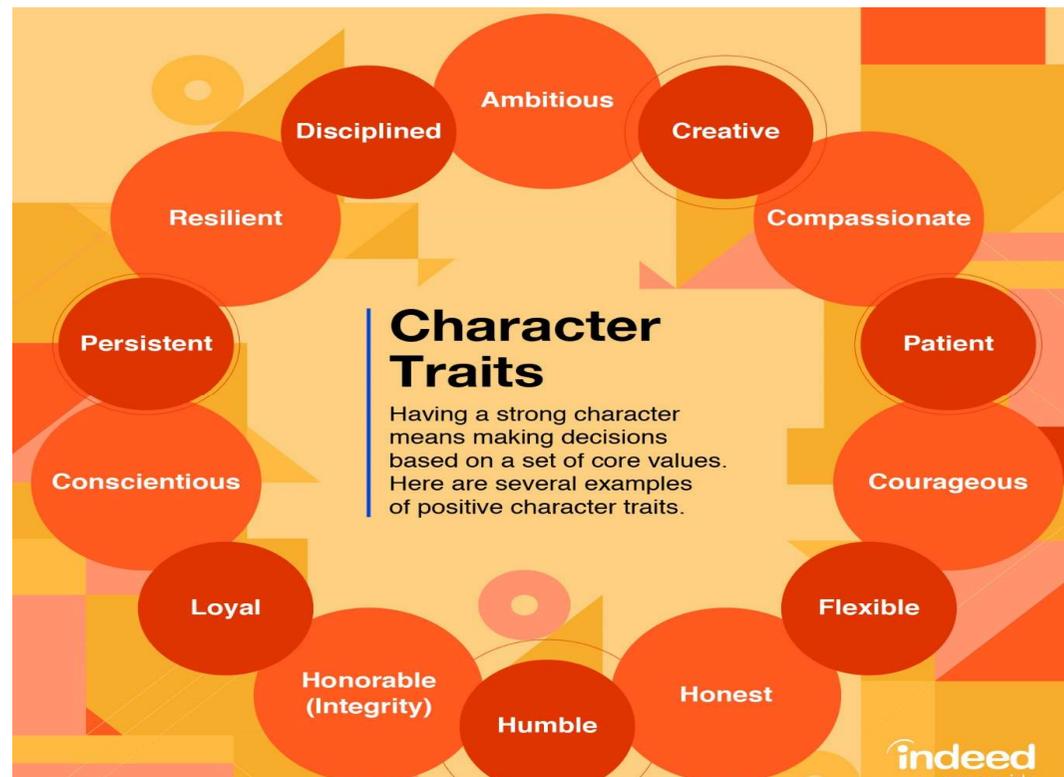
# What is so special about music?

- 🎸 Music is all around us, so why not learn more about **it** and the impact it has on our lives
- 🎸 Studying music will give you life skills which you can apply to any career choice
- 🎸 Music gives you a chance to express your creative side



# What can Music lead to in the future?

## Top 14 Character Traits and Transferable Skills that Colleges, Universities and Employers Look For



# KS4 Music Success

- 🎸 We are proud that so many of our past KS4 Music students progressed to study Music in further or higher education many of whom now have a career in the music, media or creative industries



# Where can I find any further information?

-  Speak to Miss Dangerfield in person or...
-  Email Miss Dangerfield if you prefer an email chat about your interest in the course:  
[jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com](mailto:jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com)
-  Find out more about the specification at:  
<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/gcse>



# Student's Opinions –Current Year 10

'I have really enjoyed my GCSE music course so far and have learned many new skills and a lot of new knowledge. I enjoy being able to not only do the practical side of music, but also the theory. Whilst doing my theory work, I have learned lots of new vocabulary and new components of music which help to broaden my musical ability that I can then apply to my practical work.

Each music lesson is extremely enjoyable. Miss Dangerfield can adapt the work to suit your strengths and weaknesses. I would definitely recommend to take music as it is an amazing subject.'

'Studying GCSE Music is so different from my other subjects. I love the choices we get to make in practical work, how we can work independently on composing work but also often in pairs and groups when performing. I have learnt so much already about the detail of different eras and styles of music and I enjoy spotting those features in the music we listen to and play.'

'The variety of the theory, written and listening work as well as performing and composing makes it an enjoyable course.'

