

Edexcel Advanced Level AS/A2 Music



Entry Requirements

Students should have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs (Please note that subjects can only be counted once); national data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 41.6. Experience shows that successful students in this subject have previously acquired at least a grade B in this subject at GCSE level. The candidates must sing or play a musical instrument, at least, a grade 5 and have attained Grade 5 in Theory of Music.

Course Description

AS

Unit 1:	Performing	5 - 6 minute assessed performance
Unit 2:	Composing	a) 3 minute composition b) CD sleeve notes
Unit 3:	Developing Musical Understanding	a) Knowledge of set works b) Identification of harmonic and tonal features

A2

Unit 4:	Performance	12 - 15 minute assessed performance
Unit 5:	Composition/Technical Study	3 minute composition 2 technical harmony tasks
Unit 6:	Developing Musical Understanding	familiarisation of set works Identification of harmonic and tonal features

Assessment

The course is both internally and externally assessed.

Career Opportunities and Pathways

Career opportunities include Performing, Composing, Recording, Journalism, Radio/Television, Publishing, Librarianship and Teaching.

The study of Music at this level also develops skills of analysis, personal organisation, creativity and perception that are useful across a much broader range of career opportunities.

Subject staff contacts for further information

Mrs S Brear at Kingsmead

Mrs D Collins at Kingsmead

Miss K Gardner at Blake Valley

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