

# Music – Level 1/2

**Qualification:** Vocational Award in Performing Arts - Music

**Exam Board:** Eduqas

**Level of Achievement:** Level 1-2 Pass, Merit, Distinction  
(Equivalent to GCSE grades 1-9)

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## What will I learn?

The Music course is designed for anyone with an interest in performing, song writing, and creating projects and products for the arts community.

You will learn to play an instrument and have the opportunity to have further lessons with a visiting music teacher for your instrument. You will also learn about what it takes to be a professional in the music industry.

Music is a discipline! It takes patience, ambition, and passion to do music. This course will challenge your performance skills but also your ability to work independently, as part of a team, and to a schedule. This course will help give you the tools you need to become a professional in the music industry.

## How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed via coursework. There is no final examination. You will complete 3 pieces of coursework over Y10 and Y11 using Teams, PowerPoints, and completing written tasks.

**Unit 1 – Performing (30%):** In this unit you will plan and rehearse a performance, which you will record in front a live audience. This performance can be solo or in a group, and you will explore different genres of music, from Hip Hop, to Classical, to Pop. You will play different instruments (drums, piano, guitar, and singing) and have access to our rehearsal rooms to develop your skills. You will evaluate your performance and respond to feedback.

**Unit 2 – Composition/Song writing (30%):** In this unit you will research, plan, and write a brand-new song! This can be for any instruments and be in any style. You will explore the use of different scores and music notation and respond to the challenges and demands of different genres of music. You will perform and record your final piece in front of a live audience, and then evaluate your own work and respond to audience feedback.

**Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice (40%):** You will create a project in response to a creative brief, to experience the professional standard of being a musician in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This could mean creating an album, a workshop, or holding a concert. You will research, plan, and create your project, evaluate your own work, and respond to professional feedback.

## Future opportunities

This course could lead to Music study at Higher Education, such as college, University, Conservatoire. You could pursue a career as a Musician, Music Therapist, Sound Engineer (for games or film), Music Teacher, Events Coordinator, or Music Producer.

