



# **Music**

IGCSE Music



## **YEAR 9 OPTION BOOKLET: 2024-2026**

### **Subject: Music**

**Course Title:** IGCSE Music

#### **Why study this subject:**

Music helps students in many aspects of their education. Music is maths, science, history, geography and a foreign language, but most of all music is art. It allows students to express themselves in a creative way, work together and explore new sounds in the world around them.

“Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul.”

#### **Aims of this subject:**

- enable candidates to acquire and consolidate a range of basic musical skills, knowledge and understanding, through the activities of listening, performing and composing
- help candidates develop a perceptive, sensitive and critical response to the main historical periods and styles of Western music
- help candidates to recognise and understand the music of various non-Western traditions, and thus to form an appreciation of cultural similarities and differences
- provide a foundation for the development of an informed appreciation of music
- provide a foundation for further study in music at a higher level

## **Assessment at a glance:**

**Listening – 40%**

**Performance – 30%**

**Composition – 30%**

Both the Performance and composition units are recorded and entered as coursework.

## **Curriculum content:**

### **Listening**

- Aural awareness, perception and discrimination in relation to Western music of the baroque, classical, romantic and 20th-century periods
- Identifying and commenting on a range of music from cultures in different countries
- Knowledge and understanding of one Western Prescribed Work and one Prescribed Focus from a non-Western culture (World Music)

### **Performance**

- Technical competence on one or more instruments.
- Interpretative understanding of the music performed.

### **Composition**

- Discrimination and imagination in free composition.
- Notation, using staff notation and, if appropriate, other suitable systems.

## **Additional Information:**

Candidates beginning this course are expected to have a minimum of some background in practical music making. All students should be receiving private tuition on their chosen instrument in order to take this course.

## **Careers:**

Learning IGCSE Music with 3 components (Listening, Performing and Composing), Students will get the musical knowledge in the wide-range. In the future, they can search for the music careers such as...

1. A Professional Musician
2. A Song Writer
3. A Music Teacher