



Music

During Year 9 students follow a curriculum based on the current AQA GCSE Music specification.

The students explore five Areas of Study:

- Rhythm and Metre
- Harmony and Tonality
- Texture and Melody
- Timbre and Dynamics
- Structure and Form

The Areas of Study are explored through the three strands:

- Western Classical Tradition
- Popular Music of the 20th and 21st Centuries
- World Music

Students learn through a variety of activities to develop their skills in performing, composing and listening and appraising.

Music specific composition software such as Sibelius and GarageBand are used more extensively at Year 9

Instrumentalists are encouraged to perform on their instruments during curriculum music.

Assessment takes place during each half term and where possible is in line with the GCSE mark scheme

The Year 9 Music curriculum is designed to be accessed by all but also to enable students to make informed options choices and to prepare those who decide to take Music at GCSE.