

MUSIC – HIGHER/ADVANCED HIGHER

Aims

To explore and develop your musical skills and experiences in three areas: performing, composition and understanding music over a 1 year course.

Course - Higher/Advanced Higher

The music course consists of performing on two instruments, a composition unit and understanding music activities (listening exam).

Performing - you will be assessed on your ability to play two musical instruments. The final performance exam will take place in March (Higher) and May (Advanced Higher). Performing covers 50% of award 60% for AdH).

Composition - you will produce a composition for several instruments demonstrating conceptual knowledge. The composition will be developed by using Cubase (music software). For higher the composition will be externally assessed 15% of overall grade. Ad H, internally assessed.

Understanding Music - you will explore and develop your knowledge of mandatory concepts by listening to a variety of musical examples, develop your appreciation of the cultural values of music and develop your literacy knowledge (rudiments). This unit is assessed by a listening exam in May which covers 35% of the final mark (40% for Ad H). Adv. Higher students must also complete an Analytical Commentary assignment by March which analyses music, highlighting the use of compositional and conceptual techniques through visual and audio example.

Assessment

All students will be assessed internally throughout the course.

In March a performing exam will take place for Higher candidates - 50% (May for Advanced Higher - 60%). An external examiner will listen to a programme of pieces on your chosen instruments. Understanding Music will be internally assessed throughout the year. The external assessments for understanding music will take place in May, 35% for Higher and 40% for Ad H.

A composition folio will be prepared for external assessment in March - 15% for Higher and Pass/fail for Ad H. Internal assessments will be submitted during the course.



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Entry to Higher and Adv. H:

Pupils can enter Higher Music based on a National 5 pass and Advanced Higher Music based on a Higher Pass the previous year. It is possible in a few cases, to progress from National 5 to Advanced Higher but only if the student is highly skilled in Performing (Associated Board Grade 5 or equivalent) and is aware that Higher understanding Music skills have to be developed throughout the year.

After S5:

There is a natural progression from Higher into Advanced Higher Music. The performing element should be at Grade 5 level or above, and pupils must be aware of the complexity of completing an Analytical Commentary, and the additional conceptual and literal knowledge that must be developed.

Pupils taking Higher or Advanced Higher should select MUSIC in Column G also.

Career and other information:

Pupils selecting Music must be aware that there is a requirement to practise each instrument for at least 25 minutes per day to develop skills and stamina. There are a wide variety of further education courses associated with Music such as Performing, Music Production and Marketing, Music Therapy, Education and Sound Engineering. <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/creative>