

## MUSIC – NATIONAL 4/5

### Aims

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

### Course - National 4/5

The music course will consist 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 (National 5 only) and makes up 50% of overall award.

**Composition** - you will produce a composition for several instruments demonstrating conceptual knowledge. The composition will be developed by using Cubase (music software). A final piece will be externally marked by SQA (N5 only) and make up 15%.

**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 (National 5 only) and makes up 35%.

### Assessment

All students will be assessed internally throughout the course until April. In March a performing exam will take place for National 5 candidates. An external examiner will listen to a programme of pieces on your chosen instruments (50%). Understanding Music will be internally assessed throughout the year. The external assessments will take place in May. (National 5 only) and makes up 35% of the overall award.

A composition folio will be prepared for external assessment in March.



Glow: My Glow Group – Music - All musicians

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### Entry to Nat4 and Nat 5:

Music staff will decide appropriate entry level for each student based on progress through S1-3. Pupils taking Music in S4 will **normally** have studied Music in S3.

Pupils who look unlikely to achieve success at National 5 will continue to be assessed in all elements of the course and will complete an AVU Unit on performing skills to attain their qualification at National 4.

### After S4:

Following completion of the S4 Nat4 or Nat5 course, pupils will have the opportunity to move to the next level in S5 i.e. Nat 5 or Higher National 6.

Likewise in S6, pupils will have opportunity to, based on prior performance, move on to Advanced Higher.

### Career and other information:

Pupils selecting Music must be aware that there is a requirement to practise each instrument for at least 15 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>