

A level Music

at Conyers Sixth Form



A Level music is a course that gives you the opportunity to play, create and understand Music to an advanced level. It is designed to reward students who love to perform, enjoy creating their own Music, and who can appreciate different styles of music. It would be anticipated that A Level musicians would form the backbone of musical activities within school and college. There are weekly rehearsals for Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choir. Sixth form students are encouraged to form their own Chamber and Rock groups.

Course content

AoS1: The Western Classical Tradition

- The Development of the Symphony (1750-1900)
- Haydn Symphony no. 104 (*detailed analysis*)
- Mendelssohn Symphony no. 4 (*general study*)

AoS2: Rock and Pop (1960—2000)

AoS3: Into the 20th Century

- Poulenc Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano (mvt.2)
- Debussy Three Nocturnes (no. 1 'Nuages')



Assessment

- 1. Performing (35%)** A 10-12 minute performance consisting of a minimum of three pieces. Your programme must reflect two different areas of study (see below).
- 2. Composing (25%)** Two compositions One must reflect the techniques and conventions of the Western Classical Tradition and in response to a brief set by Eduqas. The second composition is a free composition.
- 3. Appraising Music (40%)** 2 hr 15minute written exam testing musical theory and aural skills.

Opportunities and experiences in Music

Numerous extra curricular opportunities:

- School Musical
- Christmas and Summer Concerts
- European Tour
- University and Conservatoire visits and workshops
- Use of recording studio
- Recital evenings



What can you do with A level Music ?

Careers include:

- Professional Musician
- Composer/Songwriter (T.V/Film)
- Live Sound/Events Organiser
- Music Journalism
- Education

BA (Hons) Music (Classical)



What you need: To pass an audition, A Level Music, Grade 7/8 on your main instrument and Grade 5+ theory.

“The tour to Paris was amazing, but I found performing in the pit orchestra for the school show the most rewarding. It was a real challenge and improved my playing so much.”

BA (Hons) Music (Popular)

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“A-level Music is a great course; I am now a better performer and composer, and my theory has improved dramatically through studying the set works.”



Music Exam Board: EDUQAS

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