



Who is this course for?

- Anyone with a passion for music.
- Anyone who is grade five or above on an instrument.
- Anyone who has gained *at least* a 6 grade in GCSE music.
- Anyone who wishes to deepen their knowledge and strengthen their musical practice.

Music is a highly valued qualification by universities as it shows many transferable skills such as team work, attention to detail, determination, discipline, creative thinking and analytical abilities. Many courses such as medicine and law are looking for applicants with a broad range of experiences and knowledge, music can provide breadth to your application.

It is the **only** 'arts' A Level that appears on the **London School of Economics** list of '**preferred subjects**' and it is also on the Trinity College, Cambridge list of 'Suitable Arts A Levels'. Most universities want you to have studied a range of subjects to show you are a versatile learner with a diverse range of skills so you should always aim to have some breadth in your choice of subjects.

What is the course about?

A Level Music follows on logically from GCSE Music—you will need to perform, compose and analyse set works, just like GCSE.

You will study a range of genres including Popular Music, Baroque Concerto, Operas of Mozart and Music for Media.

You will compose two compositions and a recital.

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

Component 1: Appraising music (40%)

This is an exam paper with listening and written questions using excerpts of music. This will be a mix of familiar and unfamiliar music.

Component 2: Performance (35%)

Students must prepare a minimum of ten minutes of performance in total. The performances can be solo and/or ensemble as an instrumentalist, or vocalist and/or music production (via technology).

Component 3: Composition (25%)

Students must compose two compositions with a minimum requirement of four and half minutes of music. One of these compositions will be to an externally set brief.

Useful websites/further reading

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music/as-and-a-level/music-7272>

