

Music

Broad General Education:

S1 and S2 Music give students the opportunity to explore creativity, performance, and music technology through practical and engaging activities. Learners develop skills in listening, composing, performing, and working collaboratively while exploring different music styles and techniques. The course encourages confidence, communication, creativity, and self-expression, with opportunities for feedback, assessment, and personal development throughout the year.

National 4:

Students develop their performing, listening, and creative music skills. Learners explore a variety of musical styles and genres while building confidence in playing instruments, singing, composing, and understanding music concepts. The course encourages creativity, teamwork, communication, and self-expression through practical performances and creative tasks. Students also develop valuable skills such as discipline, confidence, and collaboration, preparing them for further study, performances, or future opportunities in music and the creative industries.

National 5:

Students develop their performing, listening, and creative skills through a wide range of musical activities. Learners build confidence by performing on instruments or voice, while also developing their ability to understand and analyse different musical styles and concepts. The course encourages creativity through composing original music and strengthens skills such as concentration, discipline, and self-expression. Students also learn to reflect on their own progress and work collaboratively, preparing them for further study in music and opportunities in the creative industries.

Higher:

Students develop advanced skills in performing, listening, and composing music. Learners build confidence through solo and group performances on their chosen instrument or voice while refining their technique and musical expression. The course also develops critical listening and analysis skills by studying a range of musical styles and concepts. Through composition work, students explore creativity and originality while applying music theory in practical ways. Higher Music encourages discipline, reflection, and self-expression, preparing students for further study in music and opportunities within the creative industries.

Advanced Higher:

Students to develop highly advanced skills in performing, composing, and analysing music at a demanding level. Learners refine their technique and musical interpretation through solo performances on their chosen instrument or voice, demonstrating a high level of control and expression. The course also involves in-depth study of complex musical concepts and styles, helping students develop strong critical listening and analytical skills. Through composition, learners create original and sophisticated pieces of music, applying advanced theory and creativity. Advanced Higher Music encourages independence, discipline, and

artistic expression, preparing students for further study at college or university and careers in the music and creative industries.

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