

MUSIC

AWARD RECEIVED – ADVANCED HIGHER

ENTRY LEVEL

The preferred level of entry to Advanced Higher Music is a Higher pass at A or B level. Students with a Higher pass at C level may be allocated a place at the discretion of the school. Only in exceptional cases following discussion should someone consider taking Advanced Higher Music without having completed the Higher course.

COURSE CONTENT

The Advanced Higher Music course is made up of three units:

- **Performing Skills**

Pupils will develop performance skills in a wide range of styles, in solo or group situations on 2 instruments (can include voice). Regular recordings and internal assessments will be carried out throughout the course.

- **Composing Skills**

Pupils will develop their composing skills and demonstrate their creativity when applying their advanced knowledge and understanding and analysis of music to create a portfolio of compositions. Pupils will be encouraged to write in a variety of styles, demonstrating a sound knowledge of harmony and compositional techniques.

- **Understanding & Analysing Music**

Pupils will listen to a wide variety of different styles of music and learn to identify concepts that they hear. Pupils will also further develop their understanding of musical literacy. Pupils will also undertake an in-depth study of selected musical works.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Coursework option 1: performance assessed by a visiting examiner in May.

Coursework option 2: portfolio – an audio folio of compositions is assessed.

Mandatory coursework assessment: a question paper requiring an ability to identify concepts learned throughout the course and a thorough knowledge of musical literacy will be given in May.

HOMEWORK

Pupils will be expected to develop and extend their skills outside the classroom in all three elements of the course. This involves regular practice on their two chosen instruments as well as composing and listening. Attendance at extra curricular music activities is strongly recommended and will greatly enhance pupils' musical education.

PROGRESSION

Successful completion of the Advanced Higher course may lead to further musical study at college or university.