

Music GCSE

Eduqas

Music with Mrs. James!



Sharpens memory



Creative outlet



Practical subject



Team work



60% coursework



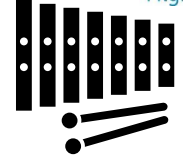
Graded music exams cost a lot –
Grade 3 costs £57 (2019 prices)



Jubilee High School

‘Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything’
Plato

Course Structure



The course is **60% coursework, 40% exam!**
4 pieces of coursework and 1 exam

Performance (Total 4-6 mins)	Composition (Total 3-6 mins)	Exam
Solo Performance (15%)	Free Composition (15%)	Listening Paper (40%) 1h 15m 8 12 mark questions 2 for each area of study Including 1 for each set work
Ensemble Performance (15%)	Composition to a brief (15%) e.g. Brief: Compose a vocal piece with instrumental accompaniment for inclusion in a new musical about a teenage wizard.	

Areas of Study

Musical Forms and Devices
(AKA Classical music)

Contains set work – Badinerie by Bach

Music for Ensemble
(AKA Musicals, Jazz and Blues)

Film Music

Popular Music

Contains set work – Africa by Toto

Subject expectations



1. **Grade 3** or above on an instrument OR a very competent singer. If you're grade 1 now you've time to improve. You're marked on **accuracy** so if you can't sing in tune please don't hope to sing as an easy option.
2. Having Instrumental tuition really helps. Instrumental teachers often have a bank of resources for solos and ensembles that you can use. We have a **guitar** teacher and **piano** teacher. We have a **drum** and **singing** teacher lined up to start after restrictions are lifted.
3. Independent worker – you'll need to take responsibility for **practicing** your instrument in order to get maximum marks for your performance coursework.
4. Willingness to **sing**, clap rhythms, work with others. You **can't be shy**. You will be performing with your class, in front of your class and showing them your compositions.
5. There are loads of key words, many of which are Italian, which you'll need to understand. A good memory and grasp of language is important.



Career Pathway

Musician: You could be the next Ariana Grande... You can still make a career out of music, playing for/singing in shows, performing in pubs or at weddings. An ex pupil of mine Luke Edney gigs in the local pubs.

Composer: You could be the next Ed Sheeran... It only takes one truly wonderful hit to get you noticed.

Music Teacher: Both secondary and primary schools employ specialist music teachers. Private music teachers earn well and choose their own hours.

Music Therapist: Use your skills to communicate through music to help children and adults with a range of special needs.

Sound Technician/producer: Not a fan of being centre stage, use the mixing skills to make others sound better instead.