



St Margaret Ward
Catholic Academy
Sixth Form

MUSIC

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What is the level of course I will take?

A Level Music with Eduqas.

What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?

Minimum of 5 x GCSE (grade 5) including a Grade 6 minimum in Music and/or a Grade 5 ABRSM Practical and Grade 5 Theory or equivalent

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Performing
Option A: 10-12 minute recital of a minimum of 3 pieces (overall 35%). Option B: 6-8 minute recital of a minimum of 2 pieces (overall 25%).

Component 2: Composing
Option A: 2 compositions with a combined duration of 4-6 minutes (overall 25%).
Option B: 3 compositions with a combined duration of 8-10 minutes (overall 35%).

Component 3: Appraising (inc a listening exam)
Questions: Set work analysis with a score, Extended responses on wider context, Unprepared extracts of music with and without a score, Comparison questions. (40% overall).



Course Content

Students study three different areas.

The Western Classical Tradition

(The Development of the Symphony from 1750-1900).

This includes two set works: Haydn: Symphony 104 in D major, 'London' (in detail) and Mendelssohn: Symphony No.4 in A major, 'Italian' (general study).

Musical Theatre

Into the Twentieth Century which also includes two set works.

Poulenc: Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, Movement II.

Debussy: Three Nocturnes, Number I, Nuages.

You will study in-depth music theory to assist you in the analysis of the above set works alongside performance and compositional techniques.

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

This course is a must if you wish to study Music at University or at a Conservatoire. However if you don't want to be a musician or study music at university, A Level Music is still a smart choice as it is an academic subject which is highly regarded in professions such as medicine, law and accountancy.

Oxford University say the following: "The varied nature of the course enables students to develop highly desirable skills in areas such as self-management, creativity, data analysis, performance, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication, all of which makes you an attractive prospect for potential employees... Rather than limiting your career prospects, a music degree opens doors to a wide range of careers".



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