

# Music A Level



Hertswood

## Why take this subject?

Music is a highly regarded academic subject and whether you take it with a view to a career in music or as an additional A-level subject, it is held in high esteem by universities and other institutions of higher education. Most people, however, study Music because they love it and you will have plenty of practical opportunities to develop your talents.

## What do I need to have studied in year 11?

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and Maths
- At least a Grade 6 in Music.
- We do require that all students continue to have instrumental/vocal lessons and take part in at least one enrichment musical group.

## What will we study?

Component 1: Performing (30%) – Performances for any instrument(s)/voice or number of pieces, allowing improvisation and music technology

Component 2: Composing (30%) - Composition will include a free-choice and a set brief assessing compositional technique at A-level.

Component 3: Appraising (40%) - Musical elements, contexts and language are taught through six Areas of Study: Vocal Music, Music for Film, Fusions, Instrumental Music, Popular Music and Jazz & New Directions. Each Area of Study has 3 set works for A-Level.

## How will I be examined?

Unit	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1: Performing	Recital NEA	30%
Component 2: Composing	2 compositions NEA	30%
Component 3: Appraising	Examination	40%

## What super curricular opportunities will be available to me?

As part of the course, you will be involved weekly in rehearsals, trips and musical events, in and outside Hertswood. Due to the independent nature of the course, much of the progress happens between lessons.

## What can this subject lead to?

This course is aimed at preparing you for the world of music or further courses to take you deeper into music at university or conservatoire.

## Subject Specification

[https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Music/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/Edexcel\\_AS\\_and\\_A\\_Level\\_Music\\_subject\\_guide\\_brochure.pdf](https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Music/2016/teaching-and-learning-materials/Edexcel_AS_and_A_Level_Music_subject_guide_brochure.pdf)