

## **KS4 Music Year 9, 10 and 11**

GCSE AQA

**Component 1:** Understanding Music (listening exam) is worth 40% of the overall GCSE grade. The exam will include general listening questions on the following areas of study:

- Area of Study 1: Western Classical Tradition 1650-1910
- Area of Study 2: Popular Music
- Area of Study 3: Traditional Music
- Area of Study 4: Western Classical Tradition since 1910

In addition, students will study set works from two of the areas of study and answer questions based on their contextual understand.

**Component 2:** Performing Music is 30% of the GCSE marks. Students are required to perform as a soloist and in an ensemble. They must perform for a minimum of four minutes with at least one minute being the ensemble performance.

**Component 3:** Composing Music is also 30% of the GCSE marks. Students are required to compose one composition to a set brief by AQA and one free composition.

In the Spring term students will take part in a KS4 & 5 musical showcase.