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Pearson Edexcel A Level Music

What will I learn?

The qualification will support students in forming personal and meaningful relationships with music through the development of knowledge, skills and understanding of performing, composing and appraising music. Students will engage critically and creatively with a wide range of music to develop and understanding of different cultures and contexts in music and how these influence personal and collective identities.

This will help develop strengths and interests which will aid student in both higher education and the music industry.

How will I be assessed?

The Pearson Edexcel Advanced GCE is 100% externally assessed and consists of one written paper and two non-examined assessment components.

Component 1: Performing

30% of Qualification - 60 Marks - NEA Component

Public performance of one or more pieces, performed as a recital. Pieces should last a minimum of 8 minutes and can be performed as a soloist, as part of an ensemble, an improvisation or realisation using music technology.

Component 2: Composing

30% of Qualification - 60 Marks - NEA Component

Total of two compositions, one from a brief set by Pearson and the other is a free composition. These should be at least 6 minutes in duration combined.

Component 3: Appraising

40% of Qualification - 100 Marks - Two Hour Examination

Knowledge and understanding of musical elements, contexts and language. Application through six areas of study with three set works in each. These are vocal music, instrumental music, music for film, pop music and jazz, fusions and new directions.

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Is there anything else I need to know?

What are the entry requirements

Students must have studied music at level 2, meet the requirements for the 6th form entry and have the ability to play an instrument and/or sing to a suitable level. This can be determined through an interview and/or audition if required.

Future Opportunities?

- Study Music in higher education
- Freelance musician
- Instrumental teaching
- Community Music
- To work in the music industry with the appropriate qualification