

Both pathways

What is Music?

Music involves Performing, Composing and Appraising music from a range of genres.

Course Content:

GCSE Music is geared towards performing, making and listening to music of a variety of styles. The course covers solo and group performance, composition and listening and appraising. The styles of music covered include: Instrumental music, vocal music, music for stage and screen and fusions.

To take this option you will need to participate in either instrumental or vocal lessons. These can be provided in school on a weekly basis at a cost of £75.00 per term. However, if you are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or Family Credit, you could be eligible for the Essex Music Services Voucher Scheme. Under this scheme, lessons cost only £25.40 per term with a completed voucher. Some instruments are available for hire from Essex Music Services and they can be contacted on 0333 0138 953. In addition, pupils can buy their own sheet music for their instrument/voice at an approximate cost of £2.50 per piece. Pupils perform for an assessment half-termly. Sheet music can be purchased online at www.musicroom.com or at local music stores:

- ***Allegro Music, Westcliff***
- ***MJ's, Basildon***

Assessment:

Half-termly performance assessment:

Composition: 2 pieces from different genres - 30% (15%) per piece

Performing: 2 pieces – one solo and one ensemble of final assessment - 30% (15% per piece)

Examination:

Listening and appraising exam - 40% (1 hour 45 minutes)

Trips, resources and other opportunities: (Subject to Covid-19)

- Trips to Royal Opera House
- Trips to the Southbank Centre
- Musicals
- Recordings of performances

Pupil Quotes:

"GCSE Music covers all aspects of music and is very interesting."

"Practical coursework was enjoyable."

Subject Leader: Danni Gooch

Exam Board:

<i>Subject:</i>	<i>Board:</i>	<i>Syllabus Code:</i>	<i>Examination/NEA/Coursework</i>
GCSE Music	Pearson	1MU0	Exam 40% / NEA 60%