

Both pathways

What is Music?

Music GCSE at Sweyne Park School broadens pupil's knowledge of all types of music including Classical, popular, stage and screen, and world music, and gives them an appreciation of the diversity of the musical styles that exist today.

Course Content:

GCSE Music will allow pupils to develop their performing and compositional skills. Candidates will also learn how to analyse music in a variety of styles and discover the social and historical context in which music has been composed over the last four hundred years.

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 £91.50 per term. However, families with a household income under £24,000 can apply for a 66% discount. There are also free lessons available for Looked after children, adopted children and those who have had contact with Social Care. Some instruments are available for hire from Essex Music Services and they can be contacted on 0333 013 895. To apply for one to one instrumental/vocal music lessons you can register on the link below:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1541#/courselist/25>

Assessment:

Component 1: Performing – A minimum of two pieces adding up to 4-6 minutes long. Internally assessed, externally moderated – 30% of qualification.

Component 2: Composing – Two compositions adding up to 3-6 minutes long. Internally assessed, externally moderated – 30% of qualification.

Component 3: Appraising – Written examination – 1 hour 15 minutes (approximately) - 40% of qualification. This component is assessed via a listening examination. Eight questions in total, two on each of the four areas of study. Area of study 1: Musical Forms and Devices, Area of study 2: Music for Ensemble, Area of study 3: Film Music, Area of study 4: Popular Music, Two of the eight questions are based on extracts set by WJEC.

Trips, resources and other opportunities:

- Trips to concerts, musicals and music workshops
- Recordings of performances

Pupil Quotes:

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

"Practical coursework was enjoyable."

Subject Leader: Esen Bradley

Exam Board:

Subject:	Board:	Syllabus Code:	Examination/NEA/Coursework
GCSE Music	WJEC Eduqas	C660QS	Exam 40% / NEA 60%