

Year 13 – A Level Music 2016

A-level Music is a six-unit course; three units must be completed for AS level and all six units for the full A-level. Each level includes

- A written examination testing listening skills, knowledge and understanding and requiring students to write in depth about a set work and music from a selected area of study
- The study of compositional techniques, or composition using and developing the student's own musical ideas, or an arrangement of a given piece of music
- Demonstration of performing skills as soloists, in ensembles and/or using music technology.

A2

Unit 4 Music in Context

Unit 5 Composing : Developing Musical Ideas

Unit 6 Performing : A Musical Performance

What we will be learning (Subject knowledge)

- Historical Study - Four Decades of Jazz and Blues
- Historical Study - Shostakovich Symphony No.5
- Organisation of Sounds
- Context of Music
- Musical Styles and Genres

A2 Coursework

- ✓ Solo performance, 2 or more contrasting pieces to form a short programme
- ✓ Free composition or pastiche in response to a given genre

How we will be learning (Learning approaches including Learning Habits)

Throughout A Level Music students will learn through using a variety of teaching styles, these include individual, pair and group work, independent computer and group performance work. Active learning includes performing, composing and appraising.

- Making links with different contexts and genres of music
- Planning and Distilling
- Making Revision
- Noticing detail
- Time effective

Try this at home

- Visit AQA website : <http://www.aqa.org.uk>
- Read through student guides on AQA website
- Practice regularly and develop and rehearse repertoire
- Discuss A level coursework requirements with instrumental teacher where possible
- Listen to a wide variety of musical genres and styles
- Create and extend A Level music specific vocabulary and glossary