



# GVA Music

## Why study Music?

Music is all around us in so many different forms, and A Level Music offers the chance to develop a greater understanding of how it has influenced and shaped the world that we live in. Music is not just a pastime; it is rhythmically based and has a history of being used to express a wide range of emotions and ideas. Music is a world of its own.

Music is history – it reflects the environment and times of its creation, taking on the emotion of a nation, region or a people. Music is art – each piece is a record of a person's or a group's feelings and ideas. It is not just a form of entertainment; it is a way of life. Music is a part of our lives, and it is a way of expressing our feelings and ideas. A Level Music is the chance to develop understanding of how music has transformed over time and to foster a deeper appreciation of different styles and genres.

## Course Structure: What is it?

In A Level Music, students will have the opportunity to develop performance skills (solo and ensemble), composition, and knowledge of music. They will also develop their analytical skills by studying compositions from the Edexcel A Level Anthology of Music.

More information can be found by visiting the Edexcel website and downloading the following:

A Level:

<http://www.edexcel.com/qualifications/assessments/GCE-music-specific/A-Level-2015.pdf>

During the A Level course, students will complete the following:

### A Level

#### Component 1 – Performance

Pieces can be performed in any style and can be presented as a soloist or part of an ensemble. The recital should be a minimum of 8 minutes. This is worth 30% of the total A grade.

#### Component 2 – Composition

This unit involves the composition of a piece of music. The total time for the composition must be a minimum of 6 minutes. This is worth 30% of the total A grade.

#### Component 3 – Appraising:

This unit involves the study of music. It involves the study of music from the 19th century to the present day. This is worth 40% of the total A grade.



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