

MUSIC A LEVEL

Why do music 'A' level?

Because you love music - because you spend a lot of time practising, playing, performing or listening. Because you take part in a choir, band or orchestra, compose, improvise - it's all 'A' level work.

Hardly any universities stipulate more than two A level subjects. Many universities welcome a breadth of experience. If you love music - then do it!

Who can do music 'A' level?

Anyone who plays an instrument or sings and can read music (or is keen to have lessons and learn to read music very quickly)

Do you need GCSE?

No

Do you need Grade 5 Theory?

No, but you will have to cover some basic things at the beginning of the course

Do you need practical grades?

No, but your playing should be at least grade 4/5 when you start the course.

Is 'A' level music only classical?

Definitely not.

What will you do if you choose music?

In Year 1

- Perform a recital of music lasting 5/6 minutes
- Compose one original composition in any style lasting about 3 minutes.
- Study a range of works (including old and new, classical, jazz, pop and other styles from around the world) to develop your listening skills and expand your musical vocabulary.
- Study four chords and keys and write in four parts.

In Year 2

- Perform at a more advanced level a recital of 12-15 minutes
- Choose whether to extend your skills as a composer or in technical harmony studies
- Study further set works and learn to analyse and contextualize unfamiliar music accurately.

For more information, help or advice about Music A Level, contact:

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