



GCSE Music – 3hr Option

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content – What will you be doing?

- Perform 2 pieces of music on either an instrument or voice.
- Develop musical ideas and compose 2 pieces lasting between 3 and 4 minutes. Examples may include a song in any popular style, a dance track, a piece of music for your instrument or a film score for a dramatic sequence.
- Listen to and analyse a range of musical styles and answer questions on 4 areas of study:
 - Instrumental Music from the *Baroque* and *Classical periods*
 - Vocal Music from the *Baroque period* and *1970s Rock (Queen)*
 - Music for Stage and Screen including *Wicked*, *Matilda*, *Hairspray (Stage)*, *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings (Screen)*
 - Fusions including *Afro-Cuban Jazz* and *Celtic Pop*.
- Learn how to use Music Technology.
- Take part in music workshops and have the opportunity to attend a week's residential visit and perform at a European location e.g. Venice 2019.
- Have the opportunity to take part in highly successful and creative events like 'Les Miserables'.

Key Points about the Subject

It is important that you have:

- A lively and enquiring mind, an interest in music, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.
- A desire to develop musical skills and interests, including the ability to make music individually and in groups.
- An ability to understand and appreciate a range of different kinds of music.
- A willingness to commit to extra-curricular music in and out of school to improve your musicianship skills.

Who can I speak to for more information?

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