
Music

AS/A2

AS/A2 Music students study the OCR specification. By the end of the course, students will have a thorough knowledge of music theory and the history and context of music from a range of popular and classical genres. They will have developed skills in performing and in composing their own music.

Which GCSEs are required?

Students who wish to take this course must be able to perform to grade 4 standard or equivalent on any instrument or voice. GCSE music is not essential. If you are unsure, come and ask!

What use is Music?

A Level music develops a vast range of skills, from performance and presentation, to essay writing and mathematical skills in music theory. Students also develop their creativity through composition. This makes music a subject that is highly regarded by universities.

Which subjects work well with Music?

Current A Level music students are studying everything from Sciences and Maths to Drama and English! Music combines well with any subject, owing to the wide range of skills involved.

Why Music at EWS?

The course is taught by experienced, specialist staff and from September 2008 our new Performing Arts facilities will be amongst the very best in the area. EWS also offers a range of ensemble opportunities from orchestra and choir to chamber music. We have a team of excellent instrumental tutors.

What will I be studying?

(AS/A2) Performing 1 / Performing 2

Externally assessed by a visiting examiner.

Performing as a solo and an ensemble, minimum grade 4 standard.

Viva voice where you discuss with the examiner the repertoire you have chosen.

(AS/A2 Composing 1 Composing 2)

Internally assessed. Portfolio of harmony exercises and a composition for 4 – 10 instruments. A2 options include writing a song for a given text and composing a film soundtrack.

(AS/A2) Introduction to Historical Study / Historical and Analytical Studies

Externally assessed, written and listening examination.

AS - 3 orchestral set works from the 18th and 19th centuries. 3 jazz set works.
A2 – Music and Words (song) and Music for Film.

Where can I find out more information?

Speak to Miss Beaumont or Miss Gonzalez to find out more!