

GCSE MUSIC

“If music be the food of love, play on...”

Studying music at Uxbridge High School means working in some of the best music facilities in Hillingdon. The Orsino building is a state-of-the-art facility, with a digital recording studio, Mac suite and practice suite. Music should be the heartbeat of any school, and we are proud to support our students’ love for listening to and creating music.

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- Composing and performing music;
- Learning an instrument or singing;
- Creating music with computers or in a recording studio;
- Learning about all kinds of music, including classical, popular and world music.

If you decide to take GCSE music, you will learn how:

- To improve your performing skills;
- How music is constructed from initial ideas through to the finished product;
- To analyse music in a variety of styles and discover the social and historical context in which music has been composed over the last 400 years or so.

How will I be assessed?

Performing (30%)	Composing (30%)	Appraising (40%)
Students <u>perform for at least four minutes</u> in total • Solo performance: this must be of at least one minute in duration, and may comprise one or more pieces • Ensemble performance: this must be of at least one minute in duration, and may comprise one or more pieces • Internally marked and externally moderated.	Students compose <u>two</u> compositions, that must be at least three minutes long in total • One composition to a brief set by Eduqas • One free composition set by the student • Internally marked and externally moderated.	Written theory and listening examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes Areas of Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popular Music• Musical Forms and Devices• Music for Ensemble• Film Music

What are the entry requirements for this course?

- Good engagement with music, in lessons and events, in the foundation phase;
- You enjoy making music, either as a soloist or in a group. The GCSE course encourages you to perform music of your own choosing and in any style, as a soloist and also in a group;
- **To start this course, it’s important that you should be able to play a musical instrument beyond ‘beginner level’ or enjoy singing a variety of songs.**

Where can GCSE music lead?

The confidence you gain from performing music is valued in all kinds of careers, from business and law to sales. The advanced listening skills you will develop will increase your focus and can significantly boost your ability to learn and analyse in many situations. Music is valued in many careers, not just in the performing arts industry (which is projected to make a strong post-Covid pandemic recovery).