



# ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

*Excellence for All*

## GCSE Music

### Aims

To develop musical skills and interests, including the ability to make music individually and in groups.

To understand and appreciate a range of different kinds of music.

GCSE Music also helps you to work as a team, use your initiative, think creatively, express yourself, listen to others, work independently and rise to a challenge. These skills will be useful in any job.

### The Course

- ♪ The OCR GCSE Music course is based mainly on practical work.
- ♪ Performing: playing an instrument of your choice or singing, in both solo and group situations
- ♪ Composing: writing music – you will start in groups before progressing to individual work using the PCs.
- ♪ Listening: studying a variety of music (including current Pop, older Pop, Film/Video Game Music, Western Art Music, and music from around the world) and writing about what you hear

### Assessment

- ♪ 60% coursework: composing and performing.
- ♪ 2 performances of pieces of your choice on your instrument / voice
- ♪ 2 compositions written in a genre suited to you
- ♪ 40% listening exam at the end of the course.
- ♪ Listen to a CD of the music you have studied and answer questions.

### Choose this course if..

- ♪ You play an instrument already (including singing)
- ♪ If you have an interest and commitment to learn an instrument
- ♪ Enjoy listening to varied types of music
- ♪ Want to explore music in a more interesting way with greater variety than before

### Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

- ♪ GCSE Music can lead to Level 3 qualifications in Music, Music Technology and Performing Arts.
- ♪ In the long term it can lead to a wide range of careers, e.g. performer (pop, jazz or classical music), DJ, film and TV music composer, computer games music composer, sound engineer (in a recording studio), piano tuner, music software developer, store manager (CDs, sheet music, etc.), music instrument maker or repairer, music therapist, music agent, roadie, theatre or concert hall manager, classroom music teacher, peripatetic instrument teacher, primary school teacher.
- ♪ Musicians also demonstrate a wide range of skills desirable in any field: commitment, perseverance, dedication, communication, social skills, and lots of others colleges/universities/employees look favourably on when they see you are a musician!

### Exam Board Information

- ♪ OCR, GCSE 9-1
- ♪ <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/music-j536-from-2016/>

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