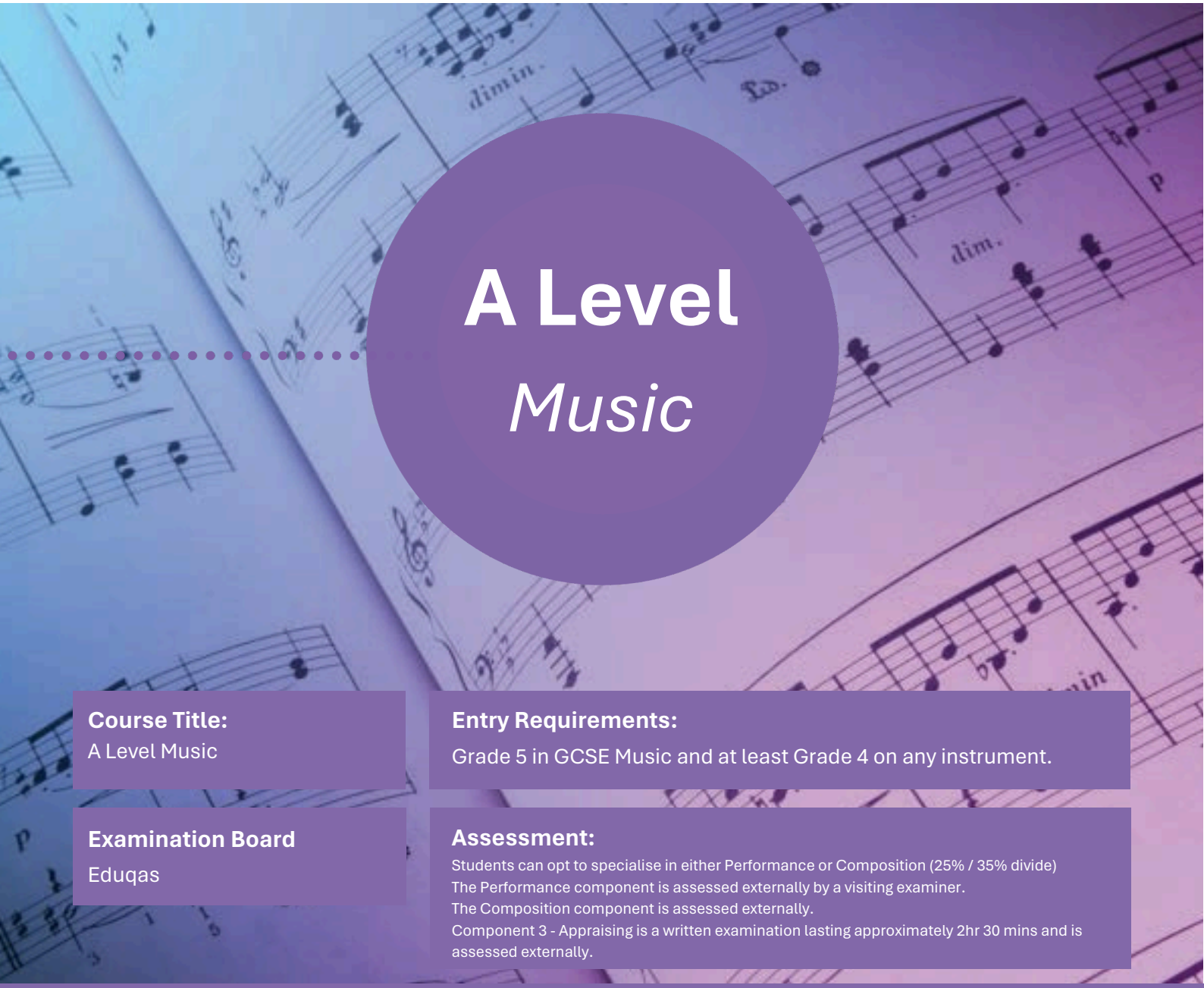
Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form
KS5 Curriculum



A Level
Music

Course Title:
A Level Music

Entry Requirements:
Grade 5 in GCSE Music and at least Grade 4 on any instrument.

Examination Board
Eduqas

Assessment:
Students can opt to specialise in either Performance or Composition (25% / 35% divide)
The Performance component is assessed externally by a visiting examiner.
The Composition component is assessed externally.
Component 3 - Appraising is a written examination lasting approximately 2hr 30 mins and is assessed externally.

Is this course right for me?

You need to be a highly organised individual.
You will need to be practicing your instrument regularly.
You will need to be ready to be explore new methods of creativity in composition.
You will need to be ready to analyse set works for musical features.
The nature of the course requires that you are able to work independently and organise your time appropriately to meet deadlines.
You will need to be highly committed to study in order to achieve at the highest level in this course.

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Unit Contents:

Learners must choose either Option A in both Components 1 and 2 or Option B in both Components 1 and 2.

Component 1: Performing

Performing Option A: Total duration of performances: 10-12 minutes, 35% of qualification, 108 marks

Option B: Total duration of performances: 6-8 minutes, 25% of qualification, 72 marks.

Option A: Performing (35%) Learners are required to give a performance consisting of a minimum of three pieces. At least one of these pieces must be as a soloist. The other pieces may be either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble or a combination of both. One piece must reflect the musical characteristics of one area of study. At least one other piece must reflect the musical characteristics of one other, different area of study. The total duration of all the pieces must be between 10 and 12 minutes.

Option B: Performing (25%). Learners are required to give a performance containing a minimum of two pieces either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble or a combination of both. One piece must reflect the musical characteristics of one area of study. The duration of the complete performance must be between 6 and 8 minutes.

Component 2: Composing

Option A: Total duration of compositions: 4-6 minutes, 25% of qualification, 72 marks

Option B: Total duration of compositions: 8-10 minutes, 35% of qualification, 108 marks

Component 3: Appraising

This examination will assess knowledge and understanding of music through three areas of study. Area of study A is compulsory and learners then choose two further contrasting areas of study: one from either area of study B or area of study C or area of study D, and one from either area of study E or area of study F.

Area of study A: The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1900)

Choose one from: Area of study B: Rock and Pop; Area of study C: Musical Theatre; Area of study D: Jazz

Choose one from : Area of study E: Into the Twentieth Century; Area of study F: Into the Twenty-first Century

Progression:

Students who study music at A Level progress onto a wide range of Higher Education courses and careers. These include university courses and specialist music institutions (Conservatoires). Studying musichelps develop a range of skills and it is looked upon favourably by HE institutions regardless ofthe subject applied for.



Examples of university courses and grades required:

Cambridge University – 152 UCAS Tariff Points

Durham University – 136-160 UCAS Tariff Points

Newcastle University – 128-152 UCAS Tariff Points

Surrey University – 120-128 UCAS Tariff Points

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