

Key Stage 3 Music Option 2026-2027

This course is offered as an option for one hour a week and is currently aimed at students who are considering taking Music at GCSE level in Year 10. It aims to give students the tools they need to be able to engage successfully with the GCSE course and ensures that students will feel confident to embark on that journey.

As the GCSE course is divided into 3 areas of study, this course will be similarly divided into:

1. **Performance** - the chance for students to experiment with different instruments, learning to play from scores and singing
2. **Composition** - using music notation and technology to develop confidence in students' composition skills, using known musical works to inform and develop this
3. **Appraising** - using the musical elements including tonality, melody, harmony, rhythm, instrumentation to analyse pieces of music, from ancient classics to pop, rock and film

Three musical works will be used to inform our learning and practice throughout, giving students an introduction to different genres and to studying a set work.

This year these will be:

- Pachabel's canon (baroque classical)
- Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi (rock)
- I will Wait by Mumford and Sons (folk/fusion)