



Music KS4 (GCSE)

Please note, GCSE students are entitled to a 20 minute individual instrumental/vocal lesson, which is paid for by Leventhorpe.

Name of Exam Board

AQA

Link to specification

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music/gcse/music-8271>

Breakdown of units/topics covered

Year 1

Unit 1. Understanding music

Unit 2. Performing music

Unit 3. Composing music

Year 2

Unit 1. Understanding music

Unit 2. Performing music (completion)

Unit 3. Composing music (completion)

How is the course assessed?
%Coursework / Examination
etc

Unit 1. Understanding music

Section A: Listening – unfamiliar music
(68 marks)

Section B: Study pieces (28 marks).

The exam is 1 hour and 30 minutes.

This component is worth 40 % of GCSE marks (96 marks).

Unit 2. Performing music

A minimum of four minutes of performance in total is required, of which a minimum of one minute must be the ensemble performance.

This component is 30 % of GCSE marks (72 marks).

Unit 3. Composing music

A minimum of three minutes of music in total is required. (2 compositions).

This component is 30 % of GCSE marks (72 marks).

