



## MUSIC

### Course Information

This is a course for students who want to make Music their career or who have a strong interest in performing or composing or learning about music.

There are many opportunities to play in public events and to take leadership of projects or music groups. There is a strong tradition of music-making at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre.

Our Music Tech provision puts us ahead of many other Comprehensive Schools as we are currently running both Sibelius 7 and ProTools10 and have an extensive supply of acoustic and electronic instruments.

### The A level course is linear and taught over 2 years

Candidates are required to develop and demonstrate their musicianship skills through performing, composing, appraising, and:

- to perform for a set amount of time
- to compose either freely or to a set brief
- to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of musical elements, musical contexts & musical language through study of 3 Areas of Study

**COMPOSITION (30%, coursework)** You will develop your composing skills in a number of styles, leading up to a submission of TWO pieces (with a combined time of 6 minutes in total).

**PERFORMANCE (30%, coursework)** You will work independently, with support from your instrumental teacher and the Music department, to prepare a recital lasting a minimum of 8 minutes. You will perform at various points throughout the course, though the final assessed public recitals must take place between March – May of Year 13.

**APPRAISING (40%, exam, taken at end of Year 13)** Students will develop knowledge and understanding of; Musical elements, Musical contexts, Musical language, Form and structure of the music, Appropriate musical vocabulary, Stylistic features of the music, Conventions used in different times and places. You will sit an exam in the June of Year 13 of 1 hour, 30 minutes (worth 80 marks). For a detailed overview of the course and key materials go to: [www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music/as-a-level/](http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music/as-a-level/)

### Entry Requirements

A GCSE in Music is desirable and preferably a working knowledge of Sibelius software or a sequencing program. We welcome applications from students who have not taken GCSE Music but are strong performers and composers and have a clear interest in Music. Entry is at the discretion of the Head of Music. Students without Grade 5 Theory will be encouraged to take it during December of their first year.

### Career Pathway

Jobs directly related to your degree include: Music Therapist, Musician, Private Music Teacher, and Secondary School Teacher.

Jobs where your degree would be useful: Arts Administrator, Community Arts Worker, Customer Service Manager, Editorial assistant, Event Organiser, Retail Merchandiser, Sound Technician, Broadcasting/film/video.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Ms A Longden – Head of Department