



## 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 (25% - 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 4-6 minutes in total). One must reflect the musical techniques and conventions associated with the Western Classical Tradition in response to a brief set by the exam board. One is a free composition.

PERFORMANCE (35% - coursework) You will work independently, with support from your instrumental teacher and the Music department, to prepare a recital lasting a minimum of 10 minutes. You will perform at various points throughout the course, though the final examiner assessed performances must take place between March — April of Year 13.

APPRAISING (40% - exam - taken at end of Year 13) Students will sit an examination which will comprise of the following styles of questioning:

1. Set work analysis with a score
2. Extended responses on wider context
3. Unprepared extracts of music with and without a score
4. Comparison questions.

You will sit an exam in the June of Year 13 of 2 hours, 15 minutes.

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.



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### **Career Pathway**

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

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 Mrs E O'Regan, Head of Department.