

## **Frequently Asked Questions for Music**

### **1. What is the exam board?**

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### **2. What is the weighting of each component?**

Component 1: 30% (12 hours)

Component 2: 30 % (15 hours)

Component 3: 40% (24 hours)

### **3. When are the deadlines:**

Component 1 will be sat in the spring term of year 10, component 2 in the autumn term of year 11 and component 3 in the spring term of year 11.

### **4. What skills will I learn in this course?**

You will develop skills in performing, composing, and recording music, as well as knowledge of the music industry, music technology, and event management. You will also enhance teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

### **5. Do I need to be an expert musician to take this course?**

No, you don't need to be an expert musician, but a basic level of musical knowledge or instrument proficiency is helpful. The course focuses on improving your skills over time.

**6. Is this course only for performers?**

No, while the course includes performance elements, it also covers areas like music technology, music business, composition, and production, making it suitable for a variety of interests within the music field.

**7. Can I learn more than one instrument?**

Yes, but only if there is space. You do have to learn at least one instrument and be prepared to perform solo or in a small group as part of the course. This will be performed on your strongest instrument.

**8. Are there any key resources that I should buy to support my child taking this subject?**

A piano/ cheap keyboard at home plus music software for a laptop or computer/ phone would all be useful, but it is not required.