

Music

Why this course is right for you

A level Music extends your knowledge and understanding of music, enables you to create and develop your own musical ideas and to demonstrate technical and communication skills through performing. Music is a challenging subject that is recognised by highly academic universities. Music works well as a creative option with Sciences or Maths, or with other artistic options such as English or Languages. If you are passionate about music, and enjoy listening to, analysing, performing and composing music, this is the course for you!



Course Content

Exam board: Edexcel

Head of Department: Naomi Charatan

Performing (30%)

Performing skills are developed throughout the course, both in and out of the classroom. In the Spring Term of Year 13, you will perform an 8-10 minute recital on your instrument.

Composing (30%)

In Year 13, you will submit one composition of at least 4 minutes (20%) and complete a technical study (10%).

Listening and Appraising (40%)

You will study: Vocal and Instrumental Music, Music for Film, Popular Music and Jazz, Fusions, and 20th Century Classical Music. This is assessed in an exam in the summer of Year 13, which will include essays and listening questions on familiar and unfamiliar music.

Additional Experiences

We have an exciting partnership with the RWCMD in Cardiff. We have an extensive co-curricular provision in Music at Trinity, and will offer trips to concerts in Bristol, Cardiff and London.

Subject Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of a grade 6 in Music GCSE and be able to perform at Grade 6 or above standard on an instrument/voice.

Beyond A Levels

A Level Music is highly respected by universities and employers as it combines analytical, creative and performing skills. Many students continue their studies at university or conservatoire, going on to careers such as performing, composing, arts administration, education, media, journalism and publishing. A Level Music supports a wide range of other subjects at degree level, ranging from Languages and Humanities to Mathematics, Chemistry and Medicine.

Going further

If you think you might be interested in A Level Music take a look at the following:

- Podcast: Add to Playlist
- Podcast: Composer of the Week
- Book: Big Bangs - Howard Goodall

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

Plato