

GCSE Music

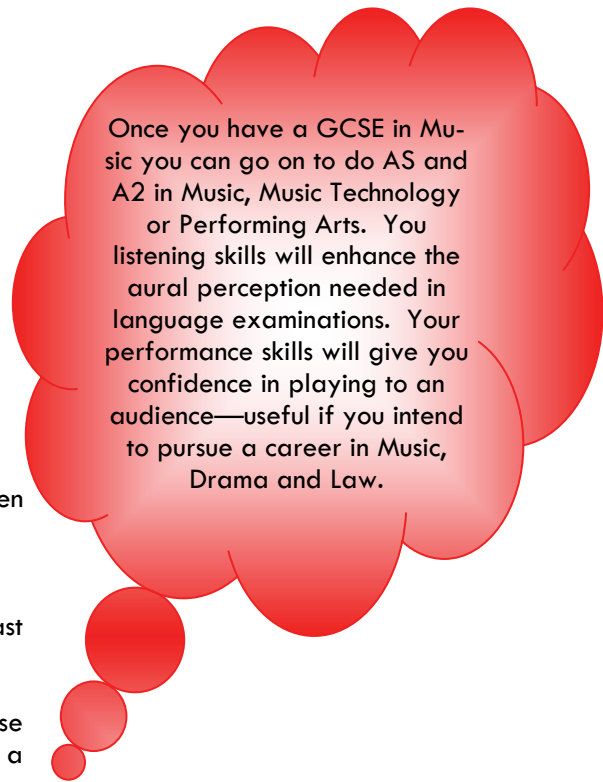
Equivalent to 1 GCSE A* to G

35% Written Examination
65% Practical Assessment

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- Composing and performing music
- Learning an instrument or singing
- Creating music on computers or in a recording studio
- Learning all about all types of music, including classical music, popular and world



Once you have a GCSE in Music you can go on to do AS and A2 in Music, Music Technology or Performing Arts. Your listening skills will enhance the aural perception needed in language examinations. Your performance skills will give you confidence in playing to an audience—useful if you intend to pursue a career in Music, Drama and Law.

What will I Learn?

You will learn how:

- To improve your performing skills
- To analyse music in a variety of styles and discover the social and historical context in which has been composed over the last 400 years

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking the course?

You would have already gained many basic skills needed for this course in your music lessons over the last three years at secondary school.

You have been introduced to **creating music of your own** in class and this is developed on the GCSE course as you choose two topics for composition. For example, this could be a popular song and a dance track, a classical piece or some world music. There is a wide choice and it can be tailored to your own musical interests and strengths.

You have already **listened to a variety of music** in class and these skills are developed as you study some set pieces taken from the classical, 20th century, popular and world music Areas of Study.

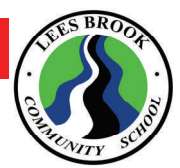
You enjoy **making music**, either as a soloist or in a group. The GCSE course encourages you to perform music of your own choosing and in any style, as a soloist and also in a group. To take this course, you must be able to offer at least one instrument/or voice.

Music Trivia

Which of these musicians became completely deaf after his hearing began to deteriorate?

Beethoven	Mozart	
	Bach	Hendrix

Please see a member of the Music Department for more information



Answer - Beethoven