

Music

GCSE – Code: **1MU0** – Exam Board: **Edexcel**



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Assessment:

- **Performing** – Pupils must perform two pieces of music (one solo and one ensemble) under controlled assessment conditions. The minimum combined performance duration is at least four minutes. (60 marks, 30% of total marks)
- **Composition** – Pupils must compose two compositions under controlled assessment conditions. One is written to a brief provided by the examination board and the other is a free composition set by the pupil. (60 marks, 30% of total marks)
- **Appraising** – An examination paper comprising of two sections. Section A contains six questions related to the set works, one short melody/rhythm completion exercise and one question on an unfamiliar work. Section B is a piece of extended writing requiring pupils to compare or evaluate one of the set works and an unfamiliar piece of music. (80 marks, 40% of total marks)

Key Information:

Pupils will follow the Edexcel GCSE Music course. The course requires pupils to prepare two performances (a solo and an ensemble), write two compositions and study an anthology of set works. The course culminates in a listening paper based on knowledge of the set works and the ability to analyse unfamiliar works.

60% of the course is completed as coursework, with just one unit (worth 40% of the overall marks) taken in the summer examination series.

It is advantageous to be able to play an instrument or sing to be able to complete this course.

Skills Gained:

Besides the core musical skills of performance, composition and appraisal, music also teaches a number of other key life skills, such as:

- Collaboration skills
- Listening skills
- Communication skills
- Observation and reflection skills
- Patience and dedication
- Memory
- Confidence
- Critical-thinking and quick decision-making
- Appreciation
- Resilience
- Independence

Linked Careers:

- Musician
- Musical Administration
- Recording
- Broadcasting
- Multimedia
- Publishing
- DJ
- Roadie
- Making and Repairing Musical Instruments
- Teaching
- Journalism
- Tour Promoter

For more information, see the full course specification:

qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html

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