



Music

A-Level (EDUCAS)

How you will be assessed

Component 1 (Performance) is assessed by an examiner, who will visit us here at St Mary's to listen to you play live.

Component 2 (Composition) is submitted as coursework and is then assessed externally by an examiner.

Component 3 (Appraising) is assessed by a 2hr 15minute written examination at the end of the course.

Recommended prior learning / entry requirements:

It is advantageous that students who choose to study A-Level Music have successfully completed a level 2 course (e.g. GCSE Music / BTEC Level 2 in Music). Performance must be of **at least** Grade 5 standard (or equivalent) by the end of the course. The course requires a strong and independent work ethic from the outset and an enjoyment of creative subjects, alongside an ability to write coherently in an academic style.

Where can this course lead to?

Studying A-Level Music is perfect preparation for those wanting to study for an academic music degree at university or those wishing to pursue a career in performance at a music college or conservatoire.

Why study Music at St Mary's College Sixth Form?

St Mary's College is 'Outstanding' and this reflects the hard work and dedication of all who work here, both students and staff. The pastoral care, guidance and support is invaluable in ensuring that we impact positively on every student in our care. The music department is equipped with excellent facilities, including JamPod technology, a MAC suite running Sibelius, Logic and Garageband and four practice rooms, including a fully-equipped percussion studio.

There are approximately 200 instrumentalists and singers within the St Mary's College community and this ensures that a vibrant and varied extra-curricular performance programme runs throughout the year.

If you would like more information about A-Level Music or would like to arrange a visit to the department then please feel free to contact us and you will be made very welcome.

Course leader: **Mr A Goldsmith**