



# GCSE Music Supporting Your Child's Progress



## Component 1 (30%)

- **Performing**
- Support your child in meeting the performance deadlines which will be shared in year 11
- Encourage your child to practice regularly 10 minutes per day
- Support your child in having music lessons to improve their skill and technique level.
- Encourage your child to play a range of genres on their instrument.
- Take your child to see bands and listen to music of all genres.

## Component 2 (30%)

- **Composing**
- Support your child in meeting the composition deadline which will be shared in year 11
- Encourage your child to book our rehearsal spaces which are available in social times and after school
- Encourage your child to learn fundamental musical concepts such as chords, scales and technical exercises.
- Encourage students to listen to a wide ranging musical repertoire encompassing genres from all areas of study

## Component 3 (40%)

- **Appraising**
- Ensure your child has access to a laptop or computer at home to access the Google Classroom
- Revise with your child and test them regularly throughout the year
- Use the revision resources posted on the Google Classroom
- Make sure your child is aware of the performance exam timetable which is scheduled between January and April of year 11.

# Here are ten ways you can achieve your highest grade for this course. Good luck!

**1. Homework.** All homework will be set on Google classrooms and must be completed. If you don't have access to the resources you need (e.g. a laptop) you must let your teacher know or speak with your parents.

**1. Coursework and deadlines.** Remember that coursework counts towards your final grade so it is really important that it is the absolute best you can do! You MUST meet the deadlines. You will not be able to retake units in lesson time.

**1. Practise, practise, practise.** This is the only way to get better at an instrument or singing. No app can teach muscle memory.

**1. Little and often.** Practice a few bars at a time first thing in the morning, a few times during the day and last thing at night.

**1. Have a conversation whilst you are playing your instrument.** Once techniques or songs have been internalised they become second nature and fluency improves dramatically. This technique has also been scientifically proven to aid memory.

**1. Remove distraction.** Whilst practising instruments ensure there are no distractions. Turn off phones, close doors and tell people not to disturb you!

**1. Learn new repertoire.** Push yourself out of your comfort zone and learn new genres!

**1. Strive to learn theory.** There is absolutely no doubt that a better music theory knowledge will improve your grade.

**1. Have extra music lessons.** The school offers a wide range of instrumental/vocal lessons. If you have music lessons alongside your course your grade will be better.

**1. Record yourself.** Use this to hear your strengths and weaknesses.