Advanced Higher

What will I study?

Performing Skills

You will perform an 18 to 20 minute musical programme between two instruments. The pieces should be Grade 5 standard or above for Advanced Higher.

Composing Skills

You will experiment with and apply a range of techniques in creating your own original music, drawing on your understanding of different composers' work and approaches.

Understanding and Analysing Music

You will work independently, demonstrating aural skills and an in-depth understanding of music and music concepts when investigating, analysing and commenting on sections of musical movements or works.

What skills will I develop?

Studying music can help to:

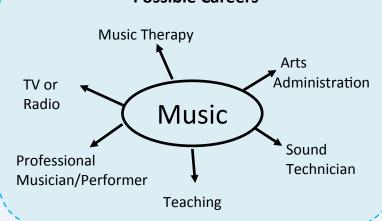
- Sharpen your concentration
- Teach you perseverance and discipline
- Create a sense of achievement
- Boost your performance skills
- Reduce anxiety
- Refine your time management and organisational skills
- Enhance your co-ordination
- Improve your literacy and numeracy skills
- Nurture self-expression
- Boost your listening skills
- Develop you ability to analyse and comment on pieces of music

How will I be assessed?

You will:

- Compose or arrange a piece of music using the techniques you've learned.
- Write a dissertation of around 2000 words, comparing and contrasting two pieces of music, picking out musical concepts and techniques.
- Perform on two instruments for a visiting examiner from SQA (60%)
- Sit a question paper based on all of the musical concepts and literacy (40%)

Possible Careers



What help is Advanced Higher Music after school?

- Provides you with the skills to refine and develop skills in musical performance and analysis
- Allows you to participate in musical groups and activities (choirs, bands, orchestras etc.) after leaving school

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