

What will I study?

Performance

You will perform an eight minute musical programme between two instruments. The pieces should be Grade 1 standard for National 3, Grade 2 for National 4 and Grade 3 or above for National 5.

Composition

You will compose your own original piece of music in a style of your choice, e.g. Scottish, Ragtime, String Quartet etc. The instruments and/or voices you choose to write for should be appropriate for the style of music you choose.

Understanding

You will study a range of musical concepts from different styles of music as well as looking at how to read and write musical notation.

What skills will I develop?

Studying music can help to:

- Sharpen your concentration
- Teach you perseverance
- Create a sense of achievement
- Boost your performance skills and reduce anxiety
- Refine your time management and organisational skills
- Enhance your co-ordination
- Improve your literacy and numeracy skills
- Nurture self-expression and relieve stress
- Boost your listening skills
- Teach you discipline

How will I be assessed?

National 5 pupils will:

- Perform on two instruments for a visiting examiner from SQA (50%)
- Submit piece of music they have written to SQA for marking along with a review of the process taken and decisions made (15%)
- Sit a question paper based on all of the musical concepts and literacy (35%)

National 3 and 4 units are assessed in school by the Music Department.

What can I go on and study in fifth and sixth year?

National 3 → National 4 Music

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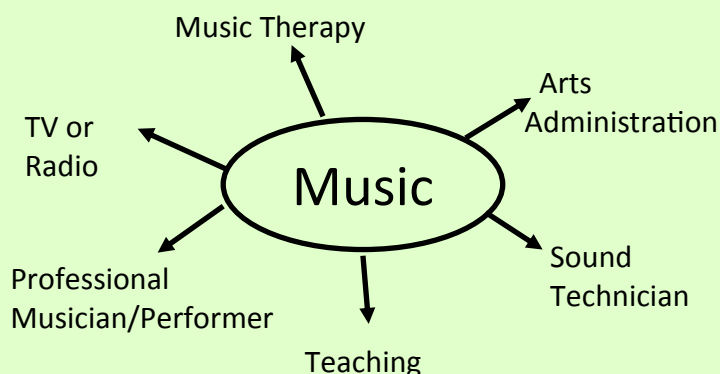
National 5 Performing Unit

National 5 → Higher Music

Higher Performing Unit

NPA Musical Theatre (Level 6)

Possible Careers



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