



PEMBROKE  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Eduqas GCSE Music



## Why should I study GCSE Music?



- A chance to specialise on an instrument or in singing, developing performance skills and building your confidence as a musician.
- Develop skills of creativity, reflection and resilience by learning how to create your own music.
- It is 60% coursework and the final exam in year 11, 40%. It is mainly a practical subject with very little writing.

**Please note:** musical instrument or singing ability is not essential but previous musical experience and a love of music is desirable.

## What will I study?



The course is split into three main components; Performing, Composing and Appraising.

Component 1- Performing- You will develop performance skills on your chosen instrument or voice. You will learn how to perform as a solo musician and also in a group. You will develop the skills needed to make performance in music successful. At the end of the course in Year 11 you will record one solo and one group performance on your chosen instrument or voice.

Component 2- Composition- You will learn the music theory and technology skills required to create your own piece of music. You will create two pieces of music as part of coursework, one will be to a brief set by the exam board.

Component 3- Appraising- Appraising is listening and analysing music. You will learn the skills required to do this and explore a number of genres of music in detail. This will include; Musical Forms and Devices, Music for Ensemble, Film Music and Popular Music.

## How will I be assessed?



Component 1 Performing- 30% - Teacher Assessed  
Recorded Solo and Group Performance at the end of Year 11.

Component 2 Composition- 30%- Teacher Assessed  
Two pieces of music created and submitted at the end of Year 11.

Component 3 Appraising- 40%- Externally Assessed  
Listening Examination at the end of Year 11, based on areas of study.

## Which skills will I develop and use?



This course will help you develop the following skills:

- Musical performance skills
- Composition skills
- Listening and analysing skills
- Skills of working with others, confidence building, independent study skills and resilience.

## How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



This course allows learners to progress to a wide variety of college and A level courses including Music A level, Music Technology A level and BTEC level 3 courses in popular music and performing arts. It also equips learners with the ability to develop professional music practises for careers in the music radio and television industry.

As the course allows the development of other skills, GCSE Music also allows you to go onto study other subjects and provides skills to study any subject at a higher level.