

Why study this subject at Hayesfield?

Music is the only subject to develop creative and logical skills working both as a team and independently. Communication and analytical skills are also highly challenged.

Hayesfield has a vibrant music community that involves the whole school and is housed in the heart of the West Wing with its state of the art theatre and music recording studio. The musical opportunities here are tremendous.

Lessons are delivered by both music teachers, giving a wide breadth of experience and expertise as well as high levels of student/ teacher contact. Students are encouraged to take a leading role in the Department and challenged to inspire and deliver music of the highest quality.

Course content

Performance – 30%

An 8 minute recital on your instrument/voice.

Composition – 30%

1 composition techniques exercise.

Analysis of set works - 40%.

Assessment

Composition and performance are non-examined and externally marked.

Analysis is assessed through a listening and written exam in Years 12 and 13.

A Level musicians benefit from very high levels of staff contact and the opportunities offered in an ever active and inspiring Music Department. We offer concerts, trips, foreign tours, musicals, live composition recording and great results.

Entry requirements and subject specific skills

Performance on one or more instruments in any style, at about Grade 6 standard. Grade B/Grade 6 at GCSE Music. If GCSE Music is not offered, students should hold at least Grade 5 Music Theory.

This subject works well with

Sciences – Universities like to see Music alongside Sciences.

Many University Medical Schools have their own orchestras!

Languages and Humanities – There are many joint honours music and language courses available.

Extra/Super curricular activities

Senior or male choir, wind band, orchestra, foreign tours, sax ensemble, school shows.

Future Pathways

Performer, composer, teacher, arts management.

Music is a great subject to support any career path.

Recent exam success

100% A*-B over three years.

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