**EXAMINING BOARD:** EDEXCEL

**TITLE:** GCSE Music

**ACCREDITATION:**

You will gain the equivalent of one GCSE.

**CONTENT:** The course is split into 3 components:

**Performing Music – 30%**

You will receive instrumental lessons once a week and will be expected to practice in between. During these lessons, you will develop skills on your own instrument as well as ensemble skills that help you perform successfully as part of a group. At the end of the course, you will be expected to perform for a minimum of four minutes, at least one minute of which will be as part of a group.

**Composing Music – 30%**

You will write two different compositions. For one of these you will be given a brief, the other is your own choice. The two compositions must have a total minimum time of three minutes.

**Appraising Music – 40%**

You will learn to describe how music has been composed to create particular effects. Music is selected from four different areas including instrumental music, vocal music, music for stage and screen and fusions (using influences from different cultures) This is assessed through a listening exam at the end of the course. You will have set works which you will get to know well in order to answer specific questions. These include Queen: *Killer Queen, Defying Gravity* from *Wicked* and music from *Star Wars*

**WHO IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR?**

Anyone with an interest in performing and writing their own music would enjoy this course, particularly those who are interested in performing on front of others as you will be given lots of opportunities to do this. Music is an exciting option that demands enthusiasm and dedication.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Please see Mrs Hannaford (Head of Music).