



# Music

## **Why study Music?**

This course is designed for students looking to further their study of academic music, performance and composition. You will improve your performance, composition and listening skills. You will focus on three areas of study: The Western Classical Tradition; Rock and Pop/Musical Theatre/Jazz; The 20th Century.

## **What skills will I gain from studying Music?**

Studying music at Hazelwick will open you up to a whole host of new opportunities. As a member of the department, you will help lead ensemble rehearsals as well as concerts. This will help you to understand the way in which people learn, how people communicate through music and importantly, how to organise and lead groups of people. You will also enhance your analytical skills, learning how to aurally distinguish between features and instruments as well as how to think in new ways about music composition.

## **Having studied Music what opportunities will be open to me?**

Many students who opt for Music go on to study other subjects at University. This is because the skills of a musician are interchangeable and candidates bring many desirable skills to the party. Despite this, many of our students have gone on to study at Guildhall School of Music and Drama and BIMM (Brighton Institute of Modern Music) to name a few.

## **Entry requirements**

Whilst you do not need to have completed examinations on your instrument, students need to be of an equivalent standard performer on their chosen instrument and have achieved a grade 6 in GCSE Music. A solid understanding of music theory is important.

## **Exam Board – Eduqas (part of WJEC)**

## **How is the course structured?**

The Eduqas syllabus for A level music divides the course into three components: performance (30%), composition (30%) and listening (40%). The performance is assessed by an external examiner in Y13. The composition is completed throughout the course, with one free choice composition in Y12 and a composition to a brief in Y13.

The listening element of the course is examined at the end of Y13 and focuses on the three areas of study above. The exam lasts for approximately 2hrs and 15minutes.