



BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

MUSIC

QUALIFICATION: A Level

EXAM BOARD: Eduqas

COURSE LEADER:
Mrs Leake

“Lessons are fun, the clubs and the musicals are always something to look forward to and the Music Department is a friendly and close community within the school.”

COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to provide a broad and coherent study of music which allows you to pursue your own musical interests.

You will develop skills in the three distinct but related disciplines of Performing, Composing and Listening and Appraising whilst having the flexibility to specialise in either performing or composing by apportioning a larger % of the assessment to either of these components of the exam.

You will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in analysing and listening to music from both the classical (including a particular study of the symphony and modern 20th century styles) and popular musical genres (choosing from pop, jazz or musical theatre).

The course is ideal both for students who wish to simply broaden their skills and understanding of all aspects of music as well as for those who are interested in pursuing a career as a performer or in music theatre or developing their skills beyond A Level to degree standard at university or at a specialist conservatoire.

PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- An understanding of how to read music is essential to enable you to access the analysis and composition aspects of the course.
- The ability to be able to perform on an instrument (which can be voice) of your choice to a standard of grade 4 at the start of the course.

ASSESSMENT

All assessment takes place in Year 13

Option A—35% Performing, 25% Composing **OR**

Option B—25% Performing, 35% Composing

AND

Unit 3—40% Listening and Appraising in a 2hour 15-minute exam at the end of the course

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- York University - Music
- Newcastle University - Music
- Lincoln University – Education Studies
- BIMM London – Creative Musicianship - Vocals
- Guildhall School of Music and Drama - Music Performance
- Durham University – Music
- Leeds College of Music – Music Performance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

