



Why study Music at Formby High School?

Music is a unique universal language that provides an opportunity for skill and expression. A passion for music is a must and this course gives you the opportunity to explore music to 'new depths'. You will study all three main disciplines of performing, composing and listening, developing skills and technique over the two year course.

Music is an outstanding subject area at Formby High School and part of our Performing Arts specialism. Our team of academic and peripatetic staff are highly skilled and enthusiastic. You will work in top class facilities, including our recording studio and music technology suites. You will also have the opportunity to work alongside world-class musicians, practitioners and composers to support and enhance your development as a musician.

What does the course involve?

Our A Level course is a successful option and you will gain experience of composition, be given the opportunity to perform in your preferred style and you will learn how to listen perceptively to every type of music from the

Renaissance to the present day. The course encompasses a huge variety of music from classical, pop, rock, dance, jazz, to film music and is ideal for anyone wanting to deepen their appreciation of music as well as those wishing to make it their career.

As an A Level musician, you will study a three unit course exploring:

- Performance (solo and ensemble)
- Composition
- Appraising

You will explore the world of music through the following areas of study: Vocal Music; Instrumental Music; Music for Film; Popular Music and Jazz; Fusions; and New Directions.

What can the qualification lead to?

The A Level course is excellent preparation for higher education courses in music, but is equally valuable for non-specialists as a second or third area of study alongside a facilitating subject choice, and is highly rated by top universities. The three units offer a broad and satisfying experience for those who want to extend and enhance their musical studies. Many of our musicians have been successful in gaining places at conservatoires in the UK and abroad, universities and the

armed forces. Our alumni musicians are now working around the world as successful musicians and recording artists, and within the British music and publishing industries.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in GCSE Music or grade 5 Music Theory and grade 5 Instrumental, alongside an equivalent level of competency on an instrument, will provide the necessary skill level required to achieve well at A level Music.

Which other subjects complement Music?

Music students often study one or more of:

- Dance
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- English
- History
- Information Technology (BTEC)
- Modern Foreign Languages (for singers)
- Music Technology
- Performing Arts (BTEC)

Student Viewpoint



"Music at Formby High is fun and interesting, with access to a wide range of resources to help me compose and analyse music. As an external student, the teachers have been very kind and welcoming, and it has been easy to adjust to a new school. There are so many opportunities to perform. I am developing my confidence and practical skills and gaining a deeper understanding of music in context and the theory behind my set works."