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Course Overview

- Integrated Portfolio – Pupils perform a solo piece and write a piece of music in a style of their choice (30%, NEA)
- Practical Component – Pupils perform an ensemble piece and write a piece to a brief set by the exam board (30%, NEA)
- Listening and Appraising – Pupils complete an examination based on 4 areas of music which we will learn about (40%)



Assessment - NEA

Performance

- Pupils will complete performance on any instrument or voice.
- Pupils have to perform for a minimum of 4 minutes across their solo and ensemble performances

Composition

- Pupils compose a free choice piece lasting at least 2 minutes
- Pupils compose a piece to a brief set by the exam board lasting at least 2 minutes



Assessment - Examination

Pupils learn about the following Areas of Study

- Area of study 1: My music
- Area of study 2: The concerto through time
- Area of study 3: Rhythms of the world
- Area of study 4: Film music
- Area of study 5: Conventions of pop

They then have a 1 hour 30 minute examination where they answer 8 questions relating to these areas of study



Additional information

Music is a good option choice whatever career you want as it develops many transferable skills which are highlighted by the recruitment website Indeed as desirable to employers. These include:-

- Communication skills
- Honesty
- Loyalty
- Dependability
- Teamwork
- Flexibility
- Self-reliance and Determination
- Eagerness to learn
- Confidence
- Work ethic
- Determination and Ambition
- Problem-solving skills
- Positivity