

PERFORMING ARTS: MUSIC



MUSIC: HIGHER

Why Higher Music?

This course makes a valuable contribution to your general education and personal development by providing you with a broad practical experience of performing and creating music. It also allows you to develop and extend your interest in music and acquire more specialist skills in an area which may be of particular interest to you.

What does the course involve?

The course consists of three units – all of which are assessed externally through performance on two instruments or one instrument and voice, a question paper based on musical literacy and concept recognition, and submitting an original composition with accompanying composing review.

Composing Skills

You will:

- create original music.
- reflect on and evaluate the effectiveness of your creative and musical choices and decisions.

Understanding Music

You will:

- develop detailed knowledge and understanding of a range of music concepts and music literacy.

Performing Skills

You will:

- develop your technical and musical performing skills on two instruments or one instrument and voice.
- reflect on and evaluate your performing skills.

Course Assessment:

- a performance lasting 12 minutes in total on two instruments or one instrument and voice assessed in February/March by an external examiner.
- a question paper testing knowledge and understanding of musical concepts and musical literacy sat in exam conditions in May and marked by SQA.
- submitting an original composition with an accompanying composing review where the candidate will reflect on how they created their music, and where the strengths and development needs lie in their work. This will be marked by SQA.

Entry to the course – what do I need?

- An 'A' pass at National 5 Music or at the discretion of the Principal Teacher of Performing Arts.

Further information is available in www.performingartsmeldrum.wordpress.com