



# WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT



## What happens on the Early Option GCSE Music Course?

We follow the OCR GCSE specification. In Early Option lessons, we will be working towards building skills for the GCSE course, which consists of:

- Solo and Ensemble Performance - 30% (Coursework)
- Composition - 30% (Coursework)
- Listening - 40% (Exam)

You will have four hours of lesson time per fortnight.

## What styles of Music will I study?

Within the Listening section of the course we will study Classical Music, Film and Video Game Music, World Music and Pop Music. In the performance and composition sections of the course there is more freedom in the styles of music you choose. In our Early Option classes, we will place a focus on preparing for the composition and performance elements of the course in order to build the necessary skills to undertake these at GCSE. We will also listen to a wide range of music in the areas mentioned above in order to prepare you for these topics in Year 10. Please see Loom video for more information.

## Who is Music GCSE best suited to?

Anyone who loves music and is willing to work hard! You must commit to regularly practising your performance skills and be willing to work hard at the composition element, in addition to revising the for Listening exam elements. If you are someone who wants to get a feel for what Year 10 GCSE music will be like, Early Option lessons will help to prepare you for that transition. Please see Loom video for more information.

## What can I do with GCSE Music after Year 11?

- Study A Level Music/Music Technology/any other A Level courses
- Study BTEC Level 3 Music/Music Technology/any other vocational courses
- Further study at University (for any subject) or Music Conservatoire (specialising in Performance)
- Careers in Music/Arts Administration/Teaching
- A wide range of other professional careers - Music is a highly respected subject with a number of transferable skills (see Loom for more further information).

**Please the introductory video by one of our Music Teachers for more information about this course**

Video: <https://www.loom.com/share/7adffad532114db2b0ded6495e034b6f>