

Winchburgh Academy

Higher Music



Course Overview

Higher Music provides practical experience in performing, creating, and understanding music. Candidates develop skills in independent and collaborative work, planning, organising, and decision-making.

Pupils will further develop their study of music by developing their listening and analysing skills by studying a range of music styles and genres, as well as developing their ability to identify musical concepts within excerpts of music. Pupils will also develop their music literacy skills to be able to read and understand written music.

Pupils will work on their practical performing repertoire across two instruments (12 minutes) at a Higher Level (Grade 4 or equivalent) which will be studied and performed in a performing exam. The course encourages them to reflect and explore new music and creative ideas.

Pupils will also create an original composition by using their current music knowledge as well as incorporating new material from the Higher Music course.

Skills Development

- Develop performing skills on two instruments or instrument and voice.
- Build creative skills through composing and reviewing music.
- Deepen understanding of musical styles, concepts, notation, and listening skills.

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- Performing: Regular practice and progress checks.
- Composing: Create original music and reflect on choices.
- Understanding Music: Develop listening and analytical skills across musical styles.

Assessment

- Question Paper: 40 marks (scaled to 35).
- Assignment: 30 marks (scaled to 15) including composition and review.
- Performance 1: 30 marks (scaled to 25).
- Performance 2: 30 marks (scaled to 25).