



Music Department

Higher Music



What will I be learning?

In S5/6, you will attend Music six periods per week and will study the following topic areas:

- **Practical:**
 - **Performing on Two Instruments**
- **Music Literacy:**
 - Understanding music notation, symbols, and rhythms.
- **Composition**
- **Understanding Music:**
 - Renaissance
 - Baroque
 - Classical
 - Romantic
 - 20th Century

How will I be assessed?

Higher is comprised of 3 main elements: **Practical**, **Understanding Music**, and **Composition**. There will be two formal SQA examinations towards the end of the school year:

- **Practical Exam:** You will perform to an examiner on two instruments, totalling 12 minutes at the appropriate grade.
- **Understanding Music Paper:** a listening exam sat under exam conditions which covers all understanding music content.

Composition: You will compose a piece of music in your chosen style and will write a review, this is then submitted to the SQA.

Higher candidates are expected to submit video recordings for each piece/instrument via Teams throughout the year. You will also reflect on these performances.

What does homework look like?

Homework will be issued weekly to your class within the Music department.

The homework for music will be available on **Microsoft Teams**, your class teacher will help you to set this up.

Homework issued will support you to develop your musical skills and become a better musician!

See your teacher in class if you need help accessing Teams, or if you have any problems completing the homework.