

CAREERS INFORMATION



OTHER INFORMATION

STAFF Mrs Z Hall

MUSIC INSTRUCTORS

Mrs I John - Percussion
Mrs C Bell - Woodwind
Mr F Oddo - Brass
Mr P Holroyd - Guitar
Mr D Watt - Piano/keyboard
Mr G John - Cello
Mrs A Ralston - Violin/Viola

TRIPS Pupils are sometimes given the opportunity to go and see musical performances / concerts and to take part in workshops.

Music

Music Performing Adv. Higher



TURRIFF ACADEMY

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Career Areas

- Performing Arts
- Teaching
- Music Therapy
- Sound Engineering
- Primary Teacher
- Music Instructor

Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.

COURSE INFORMATION

Why Music?

Music gives you the opportunity to use your imagination and express yourself in a creative and practical way. It helps you to develop important skills such as: playing a musical instrument, communication, creative thinking, using your voice, composing and arranging music. This course allows you to develop and consolidate your skills in performing and creating music. It will help you to develop your creativity and confidence as you explore and develop your own creative ideas and music.

Course Outline

Music is a practical, hands-on subject that develops your creativity and imagination, and your musical skills. You will have the opportunity to perform a variety of music in solo and/or group settings using your voice or your chosen instrument(s).

You will also develop your skills in composing, arranging and improvising music, and learn about the social and cultural factors that influence music.

The course has **three** compulsory units.

Music: Performing Skills

In this unit you will:

- develop your performing skills on two selected instruments, or on one selected instrument and voice
- learn how to perform music accurately while maintaining the musical flow

Music: Composing Skills

In this unit you will:

- experiment with and use compositional methods and music concepts in imaginative ways when creating your own music
- reflect on your own creative choices and decisions and develop a basic understanding of how composers develop their ideas and create their music.
- At Advanced Higher level pupils should be confident in basic composition skills including having a good understanding of harmony and counterpoint and music notation. They should be proficient with the use of Sibelius software in order to succeed at this level.

Understanding Music

In this unit you will:

- develop your knowledge and understanding of a range of music concepts and music literacy
- learn how to identify the distinguishing features of specific music styles, and how to recognise music concepts in excerpts of music
- learn how to understand and recognise common music signs and symbols used in music notation.
- To complete this unit pupils have to complete two 800 word essays discussing the social and cultural influences and in depth analysis of two contrasting pieces of music. If pupils have a pass for Higher English it would definitely help with this element of the course.

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by your teacher on an on going basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

- Practical work - music performance on two selected instruments, or on one selected instrument and voice
- Compositions - writing own music
- Study tasks, research projects and written analytical essays.

You will also sit a written exam marked by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) worth 40% of the final grade.

You will also perform on your 2 instruments to an external examiner. This performance is worth 60% of the final grade.

For this performance pupils must play pieces on both instruments at Grade 5 or above level. The final exam is an 18 minute performance on two instruments.

You must pass the course units, the written exam and the performing exam to be awarded the course qualification.

The course assessment is graded A-D. Your grade will depend on the total mark for all the units in your course.

PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- Further Education at College or University.