

Why Music Performing?

The music performing course gives you the opportunity to use your imagination and express yourself in creative and practical ways. It helps you to develop a variety of important skills such as: resilience and perseverance, communication, creative thinking, self discipline, time management, organisation skills and problem solving. This course allows you to develop and consolidate your skills in performing and creating music, as well as studying a variety of styles, genres and musical concepts in our listening course. Music performing will help you to develop your creativity and confidence as you explore the different elements of our course.

Course Outline

The music performing course is made up of 3 units of work; performing, composition and listening. These are taught over 5 periods each week.

MUSIC PERFORMING ADVANCED HIGHER

Details of Course Components

Performing

Advanced Higher pupils will work on 2 instruments in class preparing for a final recital in May. Pupils practise in class and are assessed throughout the year on their progress. Pupils need to be able to perform at grade 5 standard or above.

Composing

Pupils will learn in class how to compose melodies on their chosen instrument. Composition lessons involve the study and analysis of compositions, learning more about a variety of compositional styles and techniques. Pupils will compose a short piece of music with a written composition review and analyse a piece of music which will be sent to the SQA in March.

Listening

For the listening element of the course pupils work through units learning about different musical genres and concepts as well as music theory. At the end of the year they sit a listening exam which is marked by the SQA.

ASSESSMENT

PERFORMING

- 18-20 minute performance on 2 instruments
- Marked by an external examiner
- Standard should be grade 5 or above
- 50% of final grade

COMPOSITION

- 1 composition sent to SQA (10 marks)
- 1:00 - 4:30 in length
- Written review of the compositional process (5 marks)
- Analysis of a piece of music (5 marks)
- Overall worth 15% of final grade

LISTENING

- Listening exam in May
- 35% of final grade



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Career Areas—Music

- Performing Arts
- Teaching
- Music Therapy
- TV, Film & Radio
- Sound Engineer
- Sound Design
- Composer/Songwriter
- Publishing/Media
- Events Management

Courses in Turriff Academy

Advanced Higher Music Performing
Higher Music Performing
National 5 Music Performing
National 4 Music Performing
Higher Music Technology
National 5 Music Technology
National 4 Music Technology

Useful websites to help you with your choices:

www.myworldofwork.co.uk
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

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