

### 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 NATIONAL 4

### Details of Course Components

#### Performing Skills

In this unit you will develop your performing skills on two selected instruments, or on one selected instrument and voice. You will learn how to perform music accurately while maintaining the musical flow.

#### Composing Skills

In this unit you will learn how to write some basic melodies on your chosen instrument. You will then develop these melodies in variety of ways. Creating at least one piece of music.

You will also reflect on your own creative choices and decisions and develop a basic understanding of how composers develop their ideas and create their music.

#### Understanding Music

In this unit you will develop your knowledge and understanding of a range of music concepts and music literacy. You will learn how to identify the a range of musical styles and how to recognise music concepts in excerpts of music. You will also learn how to understand and recognise common music signs and symbols used in music notation.

### ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by your teacher on an ongoing basis throughout the course. The added value unit will be assessed through a performance of a programme of music.

You must pass all four units, including the added value unit, to gain the course qualification.



## FACULTY OF EXPRESSIVE ARTS

#### Music Staff :

Mrs Zoe Hall  
Mrs Morven McNeil  
Mrs Joanne Ingram

#### Art Staff:

Mr John McCallum  
Mr Robbie Duncan  
Ms Fiona Michie

#### Drama Staff:

Mrs Alicia Johnstone

#### 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](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)  
[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

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