EXPRESSIVE ARTS FACULTY – MUSIC
YEARS 10 & 11

Topic(s) covered	*Resources available* *e.g. Website*
The music department offers a GCSE in Music from the Edexcel board. The course is designed to inspire learning through the elements of listening, composing and performing. During the duration of the course students will study performance through individual specialist tutoring for the instrument of their choice (voice included). They will have lessons over the course study period once a week. Through these lessons and vigorous practice they will present for performance with a solo and ensemble piece to gain 30% of their final mark. Composition studies support the listening and performance elements. The study of twelve set works incorporates analysis of structure and style from a range of historical and contemporary pieces. As we explore the skills of composers and styles, students are stimulated to create their own compositions (two in total) to gain a further 30% towards their final mark. A final listening exam to establish knowledge and understanding of the twelve set works will be set and completed for the remaining 40% of marks. This involves a working knowledge of musical vocabulary to enhance performance and analytical understanding to facilitate and inspire composition. The most important thing to remember when choosing this subject is that students must have a desire to commit to practice as an individual and as an ensemble.	Lessons at school with a specialist teacher. Student text books and anthology (Pearson) www.bbcbitesizemusic