

# Music

**100%**  
Pass Rate

Prestigious  
Destinations

Partnered  
with Leeds  
College of  
Music

**Free  
Instrumental  
Lessons**

**Ensembles**  
including Jazz,  
Classical and  
Vocal



# A Level Music

A-Level study progresses naturally from GCSE Music, covering performing, composing and listening. The course allows students to develop a full range of musical skills across the three disciplines.

The A Level Music course allows you to choose a particular focus for your study. If your strength lies in performing, then you can choose to study 35% of the course for this option and 25% for composition. If your strength lies in composition, then that element can be 35% of the course with performance at 25%. For your coursework, you will develop a solo performance recital, a composition brief set by the exam board plus one (or two if you specialise in composition) additional compositions.

Alongside these two components is the analysis and listening component, culminating in a written paper worth 40% of your course. For this paper, you will study the development of Classical Music and Jazz, as well as studying the development of programme music in the romantic period.

Music students at Runshaw College achieve fantastic pass rates and excellent added value, and gain extensive experience in ensemble performance through our Music Academy, which offers a range of ensembles for students to participate in. These are also open to non-music students should they wish to get involved with the very active schedule of college recitals and performances. Our current ensembles include:

- Choir
- Session Orchestra
- Woodwind Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- Year 1 & Year 2 Jazz Ensembles
- Big Band
- Brass Band

To access the course, you must achieve the minimum college entry requirements of 5 Grade 5's including a Grade 5 in GCSE Music. If you have not studied GCSE Music, then you will need to have ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory at Pass standard or above to be eligible for the course. If you have not

completed your Grade 5 Theory upon starting at Runshaw, you will be enrolled in a theory support programme to ensure that you achieve your Grade 5 Theory as soon as possible.

## Progression & Links with Institutions

Runshaw run annual workshops including masterclasses from the RNCM and Leeds Conservatoire. Our links with these institutions mean that our students are fully prepared for higher study. Consistently two thirds of our music students go on to study music at HE, including at the RNCM, Leeds Conservatoire and other prestigious university courses such as Durham, Birmingham, Huddersfield and Salford.

## Entry Requirements:

A minimum of 5x Grade 5s, including Music OR ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory AND successful practical audition.

## What's great about this course?



Music Academy



Special relationship with the RNCM and Leeds College of Music



Prestigious music HE destinations

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