

# Why Choose Music?

**Music** is an academic subject that is highly regarded within top universities. Our course is suited to traditional musicians working through individual, graded exams on Voice or an instrument of your choice. There will also be an opportunity to participate in lessons provided by Flintshire Music Service. Music will enable you to develop your range of musical skills including analysing, creating, depth of listening and score-reading and expanding your knowledge of a wide range of music.



Choose Music as an option and you will be able to contribute to musical events, both as a soloist or as an ensemble player or singer, throughout the year. These will include Soloist Evening, Guitar Evening, the Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church in Mold, Vocal Evening and the Summer Serenade. There will also be opportunities to experience live music and go to concerts.



**At Alun School,**  
our experienced teaching team provide expert  
guidance and tuition in 5 weekly lessons.

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## Assessment Information

### A Level Units

**AS Unit 1** - Performing - 6-8 minutes performance that makes up 12% of qualification.

**AS Unit 2** - Composing - 3-6 minutes composition that makes up 12% of qualification.

**AS Unit 3** - Appraising - 1 hour and 30 minutes written examination that makes up 16% of qualification.

**A2 Unit 4** - Performing - Option A: 10-12 minutes performance that makes up 22% of qualification.  
Option B: 6-8 minutes performance that makes up 14% of qualification.

**A2 Unit 5** - Composing - Option A: 3-6 minutes composition that makes up 14% of qualification.  
Option B: 5-9 minutes composition that makes up 22% of qualification.

**A2 Unit 6** - Appraising - 2 hours and 15 minutes written examination that makes up 24% of qualification.

## Entry Requirements

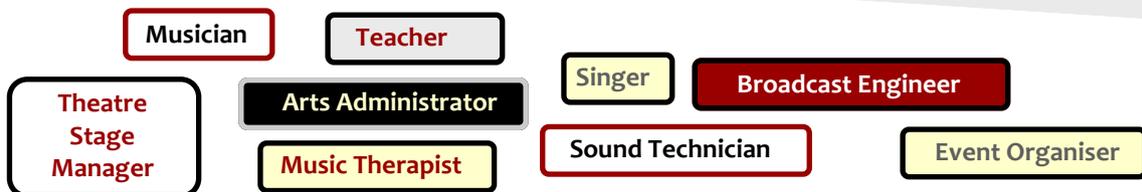
You should have achieved a grade C or above in GCSE Music to help develop your skills further within Performing, Composing and Appraising.

We will accept students without a Music GCSE qualification as long as you can demonstrate a high level of musicianship achieved through the study of the voice or an instrument and currently take part in County Ensembles.

## Progression Routes

The transferable skills and knowledge you will gain through the study of Music at Alun School will be invaluable in enabling you to access a wide range of courses at university.

Music will give you an excellent grounding for multiple career opportunities including:



Every year, this course inspires many students to progress on to well-respected institutions such as Royal Northern, Birmingham, Cardiff and the Academy of Music in London.

“Music compliments any combination of A Levels. It develops skills that can be used in both sciences and the arts. I find all aspects of the course enjoyable and I love the opportunity the Music A Level gives me to study in more detail and it is something that I do to relax in my spare time.” - former student

