



Department: Music

Sixth Form Information Event 2021 FAQs

What exam board do you follow at Wirral Grammar School for Boys?

We follow the WJEC EDUQAS Exam board. We believe that it is a natural progression from the GCSE course and allows us to really personalise the A Level experience for individual pupils

What grade should I be playing at?

You will need to be playing/singing at Grade VI standard by the end of the two year course.

Do I need to be able to read music?

Quite a lot of the course involves analysing classical music, so ideally yes. It is possible without being a fluent reader but you will need to be prepared to do extra work on your Music Theory.

Do I need to have studied GCSE Music?

No, but developing your music theory skills will definitely support your success (and enjoyment!) on the course.

Where can I learn more about music theory?

There are lots of really good resources online, also good for developing your listening skills. Try www.musictheory.net. Once you start at Year 12 there will be an extra-curricular Music Theory class you can join.

Do I have to be able to compose music?

Yes, but don't worry if you think you will find this difficult...we do lots of work on this at the start of the course.

Will this course get me onto a music course at a university or conservatoire?



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