



Music Department

National 4 & 5 Music



What will I be learning?

In S4, you will attend Music four periods per week (six periods if you are studying N5 in S5 or S6) and will study the following topic areas:

- **Practical:**
 - **Performing on Two Instruments**
- **Music Literacy:**
 - Understanding music notation, symbols, and rhythms.
- **AVU Recording & Composition**
- **Understanding Music:**
 - Baroque Music
 - Classical Music
 - Romantic Music
 - 20th Century Music
 - Scottish Music
 - World Music

How will I be assessed?

N4 & N5 are comprised of 3 main elements: **Practical**, **Understanding Music**, and **Composition**. There will be two formal SQA examinations towards the end of the school year:

- **Practical Exam:** For N5, you will perform to an examiner on two instruments, totalling 8 minutes at the appropriate grade. For N4, there is no examiner, and you will submit your performance via video recording.
- **Understanding Music Paper:** a listening exam sat under exam conditions (N4 will complete within class time) which covers all understanding music content.

Composition: You will compose a piece of music in your chosen style and will write a review, this is then submitted to the SQA.

National 4 & 5 will submit video recordings via Teams throughout the year. You will also reflect on these performances.

What does homework look like?

Homework will be issued weekly to your class within the Music department.

The homework for music will be available on **Microsoft Teams**, your class teacher will help you to set this up.

Homework issued will support you to develop your musical skills and become a better musician!

See your teacher in class if you need help accessing Teams, or if you have any problems completing the homework.