

Music



Syllabus

Listening

Study and listen to a wide variety of music including:

- Set works ranging from Bach to the Beatles/Queen
- Irish Music - old and new
- Other Styles - including Pop & Rock, Classical and Jazz

Composing

Learn the basic elements of composition:

- 16 Bar Melody
- Adding Harmony to an existing melody

Performing

- 2-8 pieces of music to be performed as a solo performance or/and as a group
- Music Technology - using a computer to write and play music



Recommendations

While it is useful to have Junior Certificate Music, it is not necessary. Any student who feels that they have good listening skills, who plays an instrument and/or sings, or who composes their own music should consider Music as an option for the Leaving Certificate.

It is necessary to:

- Have the ability to perform vocally and/or play an instrument
- Have some basic knowledge of Music Theory
- Be willing to work very hard and participate in musical events during the school year.

Examination



- Performance (March/April of 6th Year)
- Listening Paper (1 ½ hours in June)
- Composition Paper (1 ½ hours in June)

At Higher Level, one component is selected as a Higher Elective. Performance is the most popular choice.



Requirements

- Leaving Certificate Music is required to study Music at Trinity College Dublin and Maynooth.

Possible Career Options

- ★ Music Teacher - Secondary School/College/Private
- ★ Primary School Teacher
- ★ Music Therapist
- ★ Performer/Professional musician
- ★ Sound Engineer
- ★ Music Producer/Director

