

Music Performance BTEC

Who is the course for?

This Post 16 Music course is written and designed for students who have a love of music and a particular interest in the practical aspects of music-making – both performance and composition. Students will have the opportunity to perform at live gigs, recitals, organise their own gig, perform, and gain knowledge and experience from working musicians. We have a full range of equipment and resources for your use in order that you have the best possible experience of the course. This includes a recording studio, suite of practise rooms, Mac suite, portable recording studio and a number of portable Apple Mac laptops.

What does the course involve?

This two-year course is aimed at students who have a passion for music and are interested in developing practical music skills. It is a very practical course and is centred on music performance, composition, improvisation and development of musical awareness.

During the course students will be expected to continue to rehearse and listen to music outside of lesson time as part of their independent learning. Practise rooms are available to book during the school day. As a guide, we would expect students to be practising at least 4 extra hours a week on their chosen instrument as well as spending time every day listening to music (including styles outside of their comfort zone!). It is also expected that if you don't already have lessons in your chosen instrument or voice, you should think about this to develop your learning and we would recommend this to all students. There are musical instrument lessons available, as well as a wealth of private teachers in the local area. Please talk with your teacher if you are unsure how to go about getting started.

Modules include:

Each year modules will be tailored as much as possible to the student's ability and interests applying for the course. Please speak to your teacher for further information.

Units could include:

Solo Performance, Ensemble Performance, professional practice in the music industry and Composition.

Assessment Methods

Music Performance is practical based with a combination of internal and external assessment over the two years.

Progression Options

Students can team this qualification with other arts based courses with a view to progressing to Performing Arts or Music at degree level at University or Music College. Careers in the music industry range from being a session or professional musician, songwriter, manager, music photographer or journalist, to roles such as music distributors, publishers and engineers.

Awarding Body

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