

BTEC Level 3 National in Music

Who is this course for?

This diploma is designed for students who strive to improve their performance or production skills whilst studying the music industry in relation to their own career interests. Students will get the opportunity to rehearse and perform effectively on a chosen instrument/voice. You will select repertoire, with the challenge of writing your own music. It is for producers and both popular and classical musicians who wish to seek employment in the music industry.

Why study Music?

One of the best reasons to study Music is to widen your personal interests in music and understanding of how music works. You will have the opportunity to develop your instrumental and vocal performance skills by performing to a range of audiences including your peers and the general public. Alternatively you could develop your music production and music technology skills.

What makes a successful Music student?

A dedicated performer or producer, who works hard to improve their practical and technical skills. You should have a broad range of musical experiences and be keen to add to these.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Ideally you would have taken BTEC Music, however this is not essential. The essential ingredient is that you are a talented performer or producer, who is willing to work hard to improve your skills.

What is the structure of the course?

| Course Overview | |
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| A) Music Skills Development OR | A1 Performing as an ensemble A2 Creating musical material A3 Using musical styles |
| B) Music Production Skills Development | B4 Studio recording B5 Creating musical material through production B6 Music technology and live events |
| The Music Industry | Planning a career in the industry |

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

Most musicians want to perform and there are many opportunities for you to listen to and perform music outside of the classroom. You will be encouraged to go to concerts, gigs and musical performances, after which you will talk about your experiences. You will be given the opportunity to perform out of school in ensembles and solo gigs.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

The possibilities are very wide and varied. You could develop your talent into further education by studying Music at university or music college. At university you could study courses such as BA (Hons) in Music Performance, BA (Hons) in Music Technology and Production, BA (Hons) in Creative Musicianship, BA (Hons) in Digital Music and Sound Arts, BA (Hons) in Contemporary Music Performance, BA (Hons) in Music Performance, Production and Composition. Taking music to the next level after Sixth Form might develop your teaching skills either in a classroom or as an instrument/vocal teacher.