

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate

COURSE CONTENT

The students will study 4 units.

Unit 1: Practical Music Theory and Harmony (Year 12)

Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry (Year 13)

Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance (Year 12)

Unit 5: Music Performance Session Styles (Year 13)

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Students are assessed on the three main disciplines of music; theory, composition and performance. They are required to demonstrate their understanding of music theory through application and the composition of musical ideas. In addition to this, they will be required to rehearse and perform as part of an ensemble in a number of live performances whilst reflecting on the processes they go through to prepare a song for performance.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students have the opportunity to use the music practice rooms after school each day to practice individually or in preparation for group tasks. There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities that they can take part in too. In addition to this, students will be given the opportunity to perform in a number of key school events including Open Evening, Prize Night, the Christmas Show and the Summer Showcase. Educational visits will take place to The British Music Experience and there will be an option to travel to London to see West End performances too.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Higher education courses will be available as a result of studying this course.
- Music performance degree courses at LIPA/LMA/any UK university.
- Music composition degree courses at higher education institutes.
- Working in the music industry with industry specialists/planning events.
- Peripatetic music tuition on a specific instrument (privately or within an organised company).

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Useful: Be able to read music
To have studied GCSE Music

Desirable: Grade 5 or above at GCSE Music
To have performed in a public space to an audience

Essential: Experience in playing an instrument. This may have been done in private lessons outside of school.

