



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

Music - BTEC

Students who choose music as an option will follow the BTEC First in music specification, which is assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations. The course provides an overview of the music industry and employment roles within it.

The course supports key life skills including project management, self-motivation, organisation and independent learning.

The core units give an introduction to the key skills required and the specialist unit option focuses on an area of personal strength.

OCR Level 2

The course is equivalent to 2 GCSE qualifications, and students will develop general musicianship as well as learn how to use industry standard music software and standard microphone techniques.

The course is designed to prepare students with skills that are valued in further education and employment, and will support other areas of the curriculum.



Course Content

Mandatory Units:

Unit 1: The Music Industry

Unit 2: Managing a Music Product

Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis

Additional Units:

Unit 4: Introducing Music Composition

Unit 5: Introducing Music Performance

Unit 7: Introducing Music Sequencing

Students will also study a specialist unit in performance, composition or recording.

Assessment

Students will be internally assessed on much of the work and the work will be externally moderated.

Students will also complete two externally assessed examinations.

Progression

The course prepares students for further study in music and music technology qualifications, such as A Level music technology and the BTEC Level 3 in music.

It also prepares for progression to employment or apprenticeships within the music industry, for example roles in stage crew, music venues, music agencies and promoters, and music retail and sales.