

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Music

COURSE OUTLINE

Why study music?

Not only do you become more intelligent when playing an instrument, you also maintain good physical health, mental health and well-being due to music's relaxing and anti-aging benefits. With the BTEC course we provide you will not only learn music theory and performance skills but you will acquire an entire understanding of how the music industry works and the career opportunities within it.

The UK Music Industry is a global leader worth a record £4.5 billion and is growing year on year. With that comes more and more opportunities that you could be a part of.

This course is equivalent to one A-Level with four units of which three are mandatory and two are external. Mandatory content 83% - External assessment 58%. The four units (360 guided learning hours) that make up the BTEC Extended Certificate in Music have been developed to give learners experience of working in the music industry. Learners will gain experience not only of industry related tasks but will also be provided with an insight into the various means of employment within the music industry, such as composing and performing. The broad basis of study for the music sector has a focus on performance, personal instrumental technique development, music theory and professional practice.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study Music at A-Level are required to have a Grade 5 in GCSE English and we highly recommend studies of Music at GCSE.

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

Throughout the two-year course, students study 4 units.

These give opportunities to:

- Gain an understanding of world music through practical performance-led tasks
- Organise and participate in large scale concerts
- Experience life as a musician and composer in the music industry and the demands and creativity that these roles require
- Develop instrumental or vocal skills both as a soloist and as an ensemble

All units require learners to work to a timeline and deliver a final product. The Music department has specialist equipment for the production of both live concerts and recording. BTEC students will be given the opportunity to use this equipment during lessons and also in assisting and producing live or recorded events.

PROGRESSION

The BTEC National Extended Certificate in Music can lead to further study in music in further or higher education. Several past students have progressed to university music courses or have embarked on careers within the music industry.