

KS4 GCSE - Music

Course Specifications

Exam board: Pearson

Course type: BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice

Course Description

The BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice is a practical and theoretical course that explores instrumental, production and compositional skill development. Students will develop theory and practical knowledge of musical styles, products and events from 1910 to present day.

Students will study three units:

- 1.** Exploring Music Products and Styles - understanding of different types of music products, practical exploration of features of different genres and developing your own creative work.
- 2.** Music Skills Development - developing technical, practical, personal and professional skills in music performance, creating original music or music production.
- 3.** Responding to a commercial music brief - responding to a brief as a composer, performer or producer and presenting this as a solo or group performance, an audio recording or a Digital Audio Workstation project.

Skills & Abilities

Students develop their skills as an instrumentalist, composer or producer.

Students will develop knowledge of genre and era through the study of musical styles and media.

Students will understand how to capture and share work in the 21st century.

Students will develop self-reflection skills, time management skills and target setting and meeting management in order to self guide academic progress.

Students must be dedicated and willing to work hard to succeed on this course.

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 are internally assessed.

Unit 3 is externally assessed.

Students build a portfolio that maps progress and presents music pieces performed, composed or produced across the course - This can be presented on a webpage, social media page or documentary.

There are no final exams for this course.

Careers & Progression

Students can progress to:

Once you have completed your Music BTEC you can progress on to A-Levels, BTEC level 3 or an apprenticeship.

Careers after Music education:

Your dedication and passion for Music can evolve into a very successful and fulfilling career. The Department of Culture, Music and Sport, shows that the creative industries are leading the UK economy. In 2020 the creative industries were growing 4X faster than the UK economy as a whole.

Music business manager, Music journalist, Music producer, Sound engineer, Music psychologist, Composer of music for film and television, Event manager, DJ, Music therapist, Instrument technician, Radio producer, Musical director.

Guidance & Advice

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/music-practice.html>

<https://successatschool.org/advicedetails/362/Why-Study-Music%3F>

<https://www.gilbertgalindo.com/importanceofmusic>
