

# BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Previous qualifications	A '5' at GCSE or above or a Grade 4/5 standard in your instrument. You should also have practical experience of live performance or composing.
Examination Board	EDEXCEL

## COURSE OVERVIEW

There are two mandatory units in Music Performance and Professional Practice in the Music Industry.

You will then choose from a range of units to suit your musical tastes and abilities. These include solo performance, composition, arranging music and music theory.

You will learn in a range of styles including practical lessons rehearsing, composing, forming bands and groups, trips to studios, events and concerts.



## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Some units are externally assessed whilst the others are internally assessed and graded Pass Merit or Distinction.

A variety of methods are used including presentations, recordings, written projects and performances.

### What careers or higher education follow from this subject?

Musicians can go on to numerous careers within and beyond the world of music. The skills required to be a good musician (creativity, listening, perseverance, team skills) are sought by further and higher education courses and employers from all walks of life.

We would encourage you to join or help lead one of our many ensembles/choirs and/or form your own band. We would highly recommend having instrumental or vocal lessons from one of our talented and dynamic peripatetic teachers. You will have the opportunity to take part in a number of performances in a range of venues giving you musical experiences you will remember for the rest of your life!



## WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Music is all around us. It influences our moods and emotions and stimulates us in many ways. It is a universal language central to cultures around the world. Recent neurological research has proven that studying an instrument is the only activity we do that engages every part of your brain. It develops your intelligence, your ability to solve problems and your emotional insight.

This course will give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in music and express yourself as a performer and/or a composer. It will give you an insight into the varied employment opportunities in the music industry and practical experiences and performance opportunities to be proud of for the rest of your life.

The course can be adapted to your interests, abilities and aspirations both in what you study and in how you are assessed.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

"An extremely hands on subject that develops your skills as a musician and offers you more experience going into the modern music industry" - (Adam—Year 13 student)

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