

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Music

Pathway 2

Course description:

The New Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Music is being launched for September 2018, and will enable students who have completed the Level 2 BTEC Certificate qualification to develop their skills and understanding further within a vocational qualification system.

The course will focus on core skills and areas of the Music Industry, preparing students for further education and employment in the Music Industry, with the students able to choose a specialism or area of interest to develop within the course.

Qualifications required:

- In line with the entry requirements for a Pathway 2 subject.
- Grade C in GCSE Music
- Merit in BTEC Level 2 Music

Aims of the course:

- To develop skills in music performance, production or event management.
- Teaching of pre and post production music skills within an industry based setting.
- Develop skills and opportunities vital for success in the music industry.
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Future prospects:

- Degree and FE courses in Music Technology, Film Music or Studio work.
- Careers in the music industry, recording industry, theatre and television.

Student feedback:

“It’s a hands on course providing practical experiences in a range of musical activities.”

“Provides a wide range of musical activities and opportunities to progress as a musician and technologist.”

Subject Teachers:

Mr Jeffs

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Features of the course:

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Music course enables the development of skills in;

- Ensemble Music Performance Techniques
- Professional practise in the Music Industry
- Creating a Music Product

Working within a smaller, skilled cohort enables increased opportunities for classroom, extra-curricular and industry based experience, including working with local groups and organisations in the presentation, creation and development of events and performance opportunities.

Year 12 and Year 13 Units

As this is a new course which will be delivered for the first time in September 2018 there are currently no specifics available for the course breakdown, other than the three core unit titles outlined above.

The qualification is equivalent in size to one A level and provides a focused course of study covering both the music industry and performance, with technical elements engaged in music production unit.

Essentially focused on the development of performance and musical technique, the mandatory units also encourage students to explore their music in a variety of contexts. As part of the mandatory content, students will create a music product of their choice, allowing them to utilise the breadth of their knowledge and skills to create an industry relevant product from concept through production to evaluation.

Methods of Assessment:

Assessment coursework tasks are assessed internally and moderated by the examination board.

There is currently no indication of the percentage of the course to be externally assessed, or whether an examination has been introduced into this level of music course.