

Performing Arts (Music) – BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice

This course has been developed to:

- Give students the opportunity to learn about the various music products;
- Develop valuable skills and techniques in music creation, performance and production and;
- Explore potential careers in the industry.

The skills learnt in studying this qualification will aid progression to further study and prepare learners to enter the workplace in due course.

A BTEC Tech Award is equivalent to one GCSE grade 9 – 4 (Formerly A* - C), but is marked Pass - Distinction*.

To be awarded a **BTEC Tech Award** the student must complete the following units:

Component 1: Exploring the music industry (30%)

Coursework Unit

To aim of this component is to explore musical styles and techniques, and gain an understanding of roles in the industry. Students will:

- Explore different styles and genres of music;
- Take part in practical workshops to understand the music creation process;
- Learn about the different roles within the music industry;
- Investigate relationships between different areas of the music industry.

Component 2: Developing Music Skills (30%)

Coursework unit

To aim of this component is to develop musical knowledge, skills, and techniques and apply them to a music product. Students will:

- Reflect on their progress, and on areas for improvement;
- Choose a job role and explore the skills needed to fulfil it;
- Develop a range of skills;
- Apply skills and techniques in a music performance.

Component 3: Responding to a music brief (40%)

Exam Unit

To aim of this component is to put skills into practice by responding to a brief as a performer. Students will:

- Choose an area of the industry that excites them;
- Explore the brief and come up with possible responses and ideas;
- Use relevant resources, skills and techniques to develop and refine musical material;
- Present their final response (solo or in a group);
- Review and reflect their approach to the brief and their final outcome.

Components 1 and 2 will be taught and assessed simultaneously during the first year. Component 3 will be taught and assessed during the second year.

How is the course assessed?

Your work in Component 1 & 2 is internally assessed and it *will* be externally verified by BTEC. Component 3 is an exam which is marked by BTEC.

When you have completed a piece of work you will be awarded a Level 1 Pass, or a Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit or a Level 2 Distinction.

- to achieve a 'pass' a learner must have satisfied **all** the pass assessment criteria.
- to achieve a 'merit' a learner must **additionally** have satisfied **all** the merit grading criteria.
- to achieve a 'distinction' a learner must **additionally** have satisfied **all** the grading distinction criteria.

What can I do on successful completion of the course?

- Level 3 BTEC Music (in 6th form).
- Various level 3 courses at college.

How can I find out more? See Mrs Lee for more information. A brief audition is required for acceptance on this course.