



BTEC Level 3 Diploma Music

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

This vocational subject is aimed at experienced and talented musicians who wish to further their theory and practical skills whilst learning more about the music industry. If you have a passion for performing and learning about a wide range of popular music styles including Rock 'n' Roll, Britpop, Motown/Soul, Rock, Reggae, Funk and Folk, as well as composing your own music and learning how the industry works, this course will be right up your street.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course aims to help you develop your skills in all areas of music, with a strong focus on both performance and theoretical aspects of the subject. You will take part in individual instrumental lessons and regular group rehearsals which will culminate in numerous live performances throughout the academic year. You will also study music theory, composition, the history of popular music and sound recording. Over the duration of the course you will also take on additional roles including marketing and production management.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

As this is a vocational course it will be assessed entirely through coursework. Each and every piece of work you do will contribute to your final grade. Each unit studied will be broken down into specific criteria which will be assessed in a variety of ways including performances, tutor reports of your contributions in lessons, presentations, podcasts, blogs and finally, written coursework. It is important to note that although there are no written exams, your written work will be an essential part of your course and strict deadlines will be set for handing in these assignments.

WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

Due to the nature of this course, you will need to be an accomplished performer and should be at least grade 5 standard or equivalent on your chosen instrument. You do not need to have any other formal music qualifications. It is a requirement that you complete an audition and basic theory test prior to enrolment.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Students who study BTEC Music have in the past gone on to study Music Performance, Music Technology and Music Production at University. Other avenues could include Media and Broadcasting, Business, Marketing and Management. The many possible employment opportunities include working as a Performer, Producer or Technician, or as a Journalist.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Enrichment opportunities include additional music theory classes, Jazz Club, 'Breathe' the College Choir, and playing in the band for in-house theatre productions. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to attend regular visits, workshops and trips throughout the year.