

Performing Arts – Music



Core technical qualification

Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Music

(Or Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice Level 1/2)

What will you be learning?

Core units:

- The Music Industry – understand different jobs and organisations in the music industry
- Managing a Music Product – plan, develop and deliver a music product (such as a CD album)

Then a selection of:

- Live Sound – plan for a live music event, set up and use live music systems
- Music Composition – develop, extend and create music to a given brief
- Music Performance – develop and review your performance skills within a band/group
- Music Recording – use recording equipment to produce multi-track
- Music sequencing – use MIDI sequencing software to create music

Methods of assessment

Unit 1, The Music Industry, is externally assessed by written exam.

All other units are assessed by assignments given by the teacher. These assignments vary in length (some have a one or two week deadline, others will have a longer deadline).

What are lessons like?

A variety of different lessons and learning styles:

- Practical demonstrations from teacher
 - Practical demonstrations from students
 - Lessons given over to individuals or groups to practise and develop songs/pieces
 - Students composing or producing work
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- Lessons given to students to work on assignments

The lessons are much more “free” than traditional lessons and the delivery will depend on the nature of the topic at hand. The lessons will, generally be “hands on” and involve the students practically (except for those written assignments that are a requirement).

How will we work with employers and the community?

Specific people who work in the industry (recording studios, music retail, professional recording artists etc.) will be involved in special sessions, bringing their experience from the industry to help students learn how it is in “real life” music professions.

We will put on live events (such as Band night at QES), which students organise, run and perform.

Where can this pathway lead?

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Music and Music Technology