

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Edexcel BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performing

This is a music vocational course based on four units of study. Each unit will last between two terms. It provides the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques which are suited to your personal musical strengths. A portfolio of written evidence is compiled by you throughout the course.

The specialist unit enable you to study particular areas in depth.

The course gives you the opportunity to plan and perform your own gigs, go on outings to watch bands perform, meet outside professionals and work together in peer groups to develop your performing and overall musicianship.

Units of Study: Mandatory Units:

- **Ensemble Music Performance** (externally assessed)
- **Professional Practice in the Music Industry** (externally assessed)
- **Practice Music Harmony** (internally assessed)

Specialist Units (you choose one of the following):

- **Composing Music** (internally assessed)
- **Music Performance Session Styles** (internally assessed)
- **Solo Performance** (internally assessed)
- **Improvising Music** (internally assessed)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music has the equivalence of one GCE A Level, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

Other than work in education, musical performance and the music industry, the BTEC Level 3 Music course has direct links with sound engineering, radio, television and the theatre.

ASSESSMENT

Year one

- 2 units of assessment 1 mandatory unit and 1 optional unit.

Year Two

- Single Award: 2 units of assessment 2 core units
- Units are assessed through portfolio evidence and unit tests.

In recent years, students have gone on to study Music at various universities. These include, The Royal Welsh College of Music, Cardiff University, DBS Plymouth, Falmouth University, London College of Music, Academy of Contemporary Music and Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts

HOURS OF STUDY (FORTNIGHTLY)

9 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Fully equipped recording studio

Fully equipped dedicated classrooms

High specification IT suite



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs, or equivalent, grade 4 or above are required for entry into Sixth Form to study Level 3 BTEC courses.

You will ideally have studied GCSE Music (with a grade 5 or more), or studied BTEC First Certificate (with a Pass or more). You need to be studying an instrument and should be at least grade 5.

Consideration will be given to students who do not have a music qualification, if they are a competent practical musician with some theory knowledge and the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.