



BTEC LEVEL 3 MUSIC

from September 2020

Welcome!

Course Outline:

- ▶ BTEC Level 3 Music is a performance-focused and vocational course, which prepares pupils for the performing industry, further performance and creative arts courses.
- ▶ The course is mostly coursework based, and students must complete:
 - ▶ **3 Units in Year 12,**
 - ▶ **3 Units in Year 13.**
- ▶ The current course comprises of both solo and group performing assessments, teaching experience, community projects, live-music and events-management projects.
- ▶ Pupils must also complete reflection journals to track their own progress to develop as a performer.
- ▶ Pupils can also choose to study more specific units (but this will be subject to numbers and approval).

Entry Requirements:

- ▶ You will need to be passionate about music, and be motivated to improve your performing skills.
- ▶ Although you will need to read some music, you do not need to be able to read and write music fluently.
- ▶ It is expected that you have achieved at least a **C Grade in music at GCSE (B Grade in the performing component)**, but we are happy to accept students without GCSE Music who can demonstrate very strong performing skills on their chosen instrument.
- ▶ This will need to be approved by the Head of Music through an audition prior to commencing the course.

Planned Units for 2020-2022 (Subject to Approval):

▶ Year 12

- ▶ **Unit 23** - Music Performance Techniques (Core Unit)
- ▶ **Unit 21** - Music in the Community (Optional Unit - Teaching Experience in Primary Schools)
- ▶ **Unit 24** - Music Project (Optional Unit - Events Management)

▶ Year 13

- ▶ **Unit 40** - Working and Developing as a Musical Ensemble (Mandatory Performing Unit)
- ▶ **Unit 33** - Solo Performance Skills (Mandatory Performing Unit)
- ▶ **Unit 14** - Musical Theatre Performance (Performing Role in School Musical Production)

How Will I Be Assessed?

- ▶ Firstly, all coursework is internally assessed over the course over the 2 years within school.
- ▶ Secondly, two of the six units will externally verified at random by a standards verifier at Edexcel (Pearson) to ensure standards and assessments are being marked accurately.
- ▶ There is no exam for the current specification (however, this could change over the next few months). There could be an exam on the music industry or a performance.

Career Opportunities And Progression:

- ▶ A natural progression for a successful Music BTEC Level 3 student is to advance their study in music, performance and the Creative Arts Industry at university, conservatoire or performing arts college.
- ▶ There are many varied courses available in a variety of musical styles to suit all tastes in south Wales along, or further afield.
- ▶ Students who have studied music are regularly cited as being better at both independent work and group work. Their interpersonal skills are strong and they are able to work well as a team, lead activities, and are good creative and reflective thinkers.
- ▶ The music course complements many other A-Level and BTEC subjects, including Drama, Art, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Any Questions?