

BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Music

What will I learn?

You will study a range of units reflecting the nature of the music industry in the 21st Century. These include; The Music Industry, Solo and Ensemble Performance, Composition, Production and Skills (work experience) units, together with an exploration of careers within the music industry.

How is the course structured?

The two-year course will consist of project work for 11 different units, usually leading to some form of performance or recording. Projects may be worded as follows:

“Working within a musical ensemble, write two songs and rehearse and perform them in a Music Department live event.”

“Taking a role in your group’s music production company, record a band in the recording studio and market the recording to an audience.”

How will I study?

You will be undertaking a range of tasks during the course - many will be practical, some will be written. Throughout the course you will keep a logbook and build a portfolio of evidence which may include written work, recordings, video and photographs.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is mainly through internally-assessed coursework with two externally-assessed exam units. All work is assessed using Pass, Merit and Distinction grading criteria. Meeting deadlines is an important part of the professional music industry and also the assessment process. Unit assessment deadlines will be communicated with students and parents and it is expected that these will be met in all cases.

