

# BTEC Music Extended Certificate



## Why this subject?

The BTEC course offers a more practical approach whereas the A Level and provides a deeper level of historical and theoretical study. The BTEC challenges students' performance and technological understanding through live performances. Students will plan, manage and deliver their own studio recordings and concerts throughout the course to execute the professional skills which the BTEC course nurture and encourage.

## Course Outline

### Year 12

**Students must choose 4 of the following units:** Introducing Solo Performance / Developing Solo Performance / Music Ensemble / Introducing Music Composition / Introducing Music Sequencing / Developing Music Composition / Music Fusion / Music Arrangement

**Unit 17: Researching a Music Topic:** This unit gives you the chance to research a music topic of your choice, in order to deepen your understanding.

**Unit 1: The Music Industry** – Students will explore roles within the music industry to create their own professional portfolio. Students will be required to liaise with professional establishments to secure work experience placements

### Year 13

**Unit 16: Music Showcase** – Performance students will research potential styles/pieces for one of the music department events. Technology students will facilitate a live recording for this event.

**Unit 2: Managing a Music Product** – Performance Students will plan a showcase to perform music in an array of different styles. Technology students will plan how to record and execute any music technology for the showcase.

**Unit 8: Music and Production Analysis** – students explore through critical listening the features of musical styles and genres. They also explore through critical listening production techniques used in music.

## Why choose



**Enjoyment.**  
**Motivation.**  
**Academic achievement.**  
**Confidence.**  
**Fulfilment.**

## Assessment Outline

**Performance:** All live performances will be video recorded as part of the performance portfolio.

Written documentation: Internally moderated within the department.

Unit 1 and 8 are 2 50 minute examinations

## Careers and next steps

All BTEC Nationals provide transferable knowledge and skills that prepare learners for progression to university, apprenticeships or to the world of work. The transferable skills that all professional establishments value include:

- the ability to learn independently
- ability to research actively and methodically
- being able to give presentations and being active group members.

BTEC Nationals provide a vocational context in which learners can develop the knowledge and skills required for particular degree courses; these knowledge and skills include:

- teamwork
- project work
- presentation
- analytical skills
- creative development

## Key Information

Exam Board	Edexcel (Pearson)
Qualification Type	BTEC National
Entry Requirements	Merit in RSL Rockschool Proficient in one instrument/voice 8/OR Confident in handling music technology
Head of Department	Miss Davies

