

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

Unit 1: Practical Music Theory (Core): Music theory and harmony relates to all forms of music. It is about how the music we make and listen to is constructed and how it works. This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of fundamental musical theory and how it's applied in practical musical activities.

Unit 3: Ensemble (Core) – Learners work as part of a musical ensemble and develop their skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance

Year 13

Unit 2: The Music Industry (Core) – Learners explore what it is that makes someone a professional in the music industry and how to put forward a bid for work.

Unit 5: Session Musician – In this unit, you will explore a range of genres and styles, investigating their scales, tonality, rhythms, riffs and groove. It will give you greater insight into the skills and knowledge needed to be a working session musician.

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 3 and 2 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 First
Entry Requirements	Level 6 in GCSE Music Merit in RSL Rockscool BTEC Merit Proficient in one instrument/voice 6/or confident in handling music technology
Head of Department	Miss Davies