



BTEC NATIONAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Examination Board

- Edexcel

EXTENDED CERTIFICATE - 360 Guided Learning Hours

The Extended certificate is the equivalent of one A Level and is made up of 4 Units; 3 mandatory units and one optional unit.

Components 1 and 4 will be assessed via assignments. Components 2 and 3 are externally assessed, and have a period of controlled assessment.

The units are as follows:

Unit 3 – Working as a Musical Ensemble (double weighted)

- You will work as a group to develop performances in a range of musical styles
- You will be expected to adapt elements of songs in to a new style or structure
- You will develop rehearsal skills that allow you to make quick progress
- You will perform regularly
- You will complete an externally assessed task that will involve you putting together a large-scale performance

Unit 1 - Practical Music Theory and Harmony

- You will learn about different aspects of music theory in a practical way
- You will compose a variety of melodies and chord sequences
- You will learn to arrange music for a band or different musical ensemble

Unit 2 - Professional Practice in the Music Industry

- You will learn how the music industry works, and how you could work within it
- You will learn about the different job roles in the music industry
- You will undertake some project management to organise events across the two years.
- You will take an exam under controlled conditions where you plan a scenario based event given to you by the exam board.

4. Optional Unit

- You will select from a performance based unit, or a composition based unit to complete the course.

Each unit is based on a series of assignments that will be introduced to students during lessons. Much of the course is practical and relies on the ability to play an instrument, and compose music. The ability to use and develop music technology is a skill that can be incorporated in to every unit, but it is not essential. Students will use LOGIC and SIBELIUS as a standard programs to complete elements of the course.

A BTEC music student MUST:

- Be organised in keeping work, folders and computer logs
- Meet deadlines. A failure to meet deadlines could result in the qualification not being achieved
- Be able to work independently and as a group
- Be prepared to work outside the musical style you feel comfortable in



Useful websites / reading materials

The internet can be used in so many ways to help you complete this course. You will find YouTube tutorials on any instrument – useful if you do not currently have lessons. You will be expected to study the performance of other musicians, so again YouTube is vital

Recommended study

It is essential that regular and organised practice takes place every week on the student's instrument. Receiving instrumental lessons is extremely beneficial to the course.