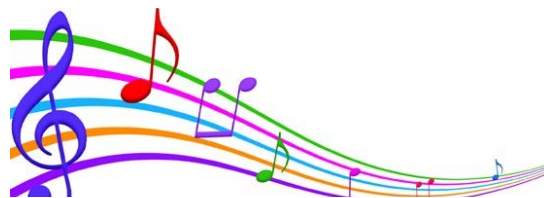


Name of course: BTEC Level 2 First Award in Music
Examination Board: Pearson
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How the course is assessed:

The course consists of four units each worth 25% of the final grade

Unit 1: The Music Industry

1 hour written paper consisting of multiple choice, short and long answer questions

In this unit we explore the exciting world of the music industry. You will investigate music organisations to find out about the work they do and how they relate to and rely on one another. You will also be given the opportunity to find out about the people who work in these organisations, from performers, composers, and music producers, to people who work in technical, production and administrative roles.

Unit 2: Managing A Music Product

Assessed through completion of coursework assignments.

This unit will enable you to manage the planning, delivery and promotion of a live concert, recording, or other music product, working in collaboration with others. The success of your music product will rely heavily on the planning and development process.

Unit 4 Introducing Music Composition

Coursework assessment of original compositions written to a given brief.

This unit will require you to develop a portfolio of ideas, some of which will be developed, and one of which will be completed. You will discover a range of compositional techniques and produce contrasting musical ideas to develop your compositional expertise.

Unit 5 Introducing Music Performance

Coursework assessment of two contrasting live performances on your chosen instrument or voice, with supporting evidence of rehearsal and practice.

Over the course of this unit, you will explore skills and make decisions as you prepare for live performance. You will be expected to practice regularly both in school and at home to be able to perform confidently in front of an audience. Where possible, you will be encouraged to have lessons from a specialist instrumental teacher.

Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:

There are many options open to you once you have achieved BTEC music. You may wish to continue down the traditional route and study for an 'A' level. Alternatively, you may choose to study a BTEC or Diplomas in areas such as Music Technology or Performing Arts. This study can lead on to university or a music college education.

There are a whole range of careers available in the music industry. These include:

- Performers
- Composers
- Working as a musician in HM Forces
- Music
- Journalism
- Music therapy
- Sound engineering
- All areas of music production.

