

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance (Equivalent to one A Level)

Course Description:

The course is based around 4 units; 3 mandatory and 1 optional and 2 of these are marked externally.

Unit 1; Practical Music Theory and Harmony requires students to have an indepth understanding of written a music, keys, chords, cadences and be able to identify and use extended theory to analyse and compose short sections of music

Unit 2; Professional Practice in the Music Industry focuses on being a self employed musician, performance opportunities and being able to promote yourself. This unit outlines the qualities that industry professionals expect of people working with them in order to progress, whether to employment or higher education.

Unit 3; Ensemble Music Performance requires students to work together as a group in order to create a performance of chosen pieces from a given list. Students must performance to an audience and provide evidence of the rehearsal process as part of their portfolio.

Optional units; Composing Music, Solo Performance

Qualifications Required:

Minimum entry requirements apply. GCSE Grade 4 and Grade III on instrument voice

Aims of the Course:

- To provide opportunities for musicians to further their practical and theoretical musicianship
- Develop employment skills suitable for the Music Industry
- Develop cognitive and problem-solving skills, Interpersonal skills and intrapersonal skills
- Continue to develop enjoyment of music; playing, listening and making music with others

Future Prospects:

Further study opportunities: Music degree or further education

Career prospects:

- Armed forces specialising in Music, Education; Primary, Secondary, Peripatetic, Adult
- Performing/Composing/Recording as a professional; Symphony Orchestra / Professional Choir
- Music management
- Public Relations and Advertising; Radio and Television
- Health sector: Music Therapy,
- Instrumental work and development,
- Musicologist/Music historian,
- Community Music,

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance (Equivalent to one A Level)

Student Feedback:

“Music is great fun! We get to learn about so many different genres; classical, jazz, rock and film music to mention a few. It is providing me with a thorough understanding in preparation for my plans in the future: Music in the RAF!”

“I have loved the opportunity to look in depth at pieces of music which I thought I knew when I heard them. The analysis of music has made me realise how much more I can do on my own instrument now I know the patterns and techniques used by the composers I have studied.”