

# MUSIC PRACTICE BTEC TECH AWARD

## INTRODUCTION

The Music Practice course encourages learning through practical and theoretical experiences. The three Components are:

- 1) **Exploring Music Products and Styles**  
Looking at the history and development of musical styles and genres and their influences
- 2) **Music Skills Development**  
An opportunity to develop musicianship skills through project work in performing and composition
- 3) **Responding to a Commercial Brief**  
Undertaking life as a musician and learning what skills are required to become a self-employed professional



## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Through completion of this course students will be encouraged to:

- Develop appreciation of styles and genres of music
- Explore techniques used to create music products
- Explore professional and commercial skills for the music industry
- Apply and develop individual musical skills and techniques
- Understand how to respond to a commercial music brief
- Select and apply musical skills in response to a commercial music brief
- Present a final musical product in response to a commercial music brief
- Comment on the creative process and outcome in response to a commercial music brief

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Music Practice is suitable for anyone with an interest in Music. Reading and writing music will be a requirement as will attendance at a 20 minute weekly lesson provided by the school in order to support the performance element of the course.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

**Exploring Music Products and Styles;** video / audio portfolio – Internal Assessment

**Music Skills Development;** video / audio portfolio – Internal Assessment

**Responding to a Commercial Brief;** Creating and Producing **or** Creating and Performing video / audio portfolio – External Assessment

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

This course can lead to A-Level Music and Music Technology qualifications. It can also prepare students for either the BTEC Level 3 in Music Performance or Music Technology or the musical element of the BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Musical Theatre. Alongside this course, students can also attend additional sessions taught as part of the extra-curricular timetable to work towards and pass their Theory Grade V (ABRSM). This qualification is required to take higher practical grades and also supports with accruing UCAS points for University entrance.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Instrumental and vocal tuition is available to BTEC students free of charge as it is an integral part of the course. Excellent attendance, regular practice and a commitment to taking part in extra-curricular groups is vital to ensure the experience is valuable. Students who have enjoyed practical music in Year 9, together with those learning to play instruments, will find that this course is both exciting and enjoyable. All students taking BTEC Music need to attend a minimum of one extra-curricular activity to develop performance skills. Please contact Mrs Jones, Head of Music, if you require any further information.