

KS4 Music Option

Exam Board: Pearson

Qualification: BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice

Course code: 603/7055/5



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Who is this qualification for?

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Music Practice is ideal for you if you are a pre-16 student working at level 1 or level 2 and would like to find out more about the music industry. This course offers a practical introduction to life and work in the music industry. The qualification, which is 120 GLH, is the same size and level as a GCSE.

The Music Sector.

The music industry is a vibrant, exciting and highly competitive industry that contributed £5.2 billion to the UK economy in 2019 and generated a further £2.7 billion in export revenue. In 2016, live music alone created £3.7 billion in direct and indirect income for the UK. The music industry is constantly evolving and offers many different and exciting new work opportunities. In 2019, the music industry supported more than 190,935 full-time jobs in the UK, 139,352 of which were in the music creators' sector.

What does the qualification cover?

This course will give you the opportunity to develop knowledge and technical skills in a practical learning environment. You will develop key skills, ranging from rehearsing to experimenting with technology, equipment and instruments. You will also develop an understanding of the music industry.

Everyone taking this qualification will study three components, covering the following content areas:

Papers:

Internally Assessed Coursework to an Externally Set Brief:

- Exploring Music Products and Styles (30%) - exploration of the techniques used in the creation of different musical products and investigation of the key features of different musical styles and genres.
- Music Skills Development (30%) - development of two musical disciplines through engagement in practical tasks, while documenting their progress and planning for further improvement.

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Externally Assessed Exam Paper:

- Responding to a Music Brief (40%) - developing and presenting music in response to a given music brief.

Where will this take me?

Once you have completed the qualification, you will have developed valuable knowledge, practical skills and a wider understanding of the music industry. This qualification will allow you to develop your knowledge and skills through practical and creative application in a vocational context, and by responding creatively to a commercial brief. Since you will be developing skills across a number of disciplines – such as music creation, production and performance – you will have a better understanding of whether the music industry is for you and, if so, which part of it you might want to study further.

If you decide to go on to further study of music, the best option for you will depend on the grades you have achieved in this and the other qualifications you have taken, and what you enjoy doing. You could progress to a Level 2 Technical Certificate or to a Level 3 programme, such as A Levels, a T Level or a BTEC National, either on its own or in combination with A levels.

What other subjects go well with Music?

This course builds on and uses the knowledge and skills you learn in your GCSEs, particularly in Computer Science and Drama. It can also be complementary learning for a G.C.S.E or Tech Award in Media. This course is different from studying GCSEs, as, by taking part in different types of practical vocational activities, it gives you the opportunity to apply your knowledge, skills and the techniques you learn in practical ways.