

# OPTIONS COURSE

## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

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### QUALIFICATION

BTEC

### FACULTY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & PERFORMING ARTS

### STAFF CONTACT

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### WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS DO I NEED?

Students should have achieved at least a level 5 at KS3. Pupils need to have an interest in Music but do not need to play an instrument to access this course. Pupils also need to be prepared to work independently as well as part of a team.

### COURSE FOLLOWED

[Music Technology](#)

### HOW IS THE COURSE ORGANISED & ASSESSED?

Students must study Unit 1 and Unit 2 (core units) and then two further units chosen from a selection of options, which will be chosen according to the varying abilities/interests of the group members:

#### CORE UNITS

Unit 1: The Music Industry (examined unit)

Unit 2: Managing a Musical Product

#### OPTIONAL UNITS (2 to be chosen)

Unit 3: Introducing Live Sound

Unit 4: Introducing Music Composition

Unit 5: Introducing Music Performance

Unit 6: Introducing Music Recording

Unit 7: Introducing Music Sequencing

The Music Industry Unit 1 is assessed through an external examination (1 hour). This will be taken at the end of Year 10 with resit opportunities in Year 11 if necessary.

All other units are assessed through ongoing controlled assignment work where students work independently to a given assignment brief that allows them to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of each of the units.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHAT IS BTEC MUSIC?**

BTEC Music encompasses many things including recording, composing, performing, marketing and listening & evaluating a wide range of music. There is a lot of practical work with some theory work develop understanding of the music industry and music industry practice.

There is one exam but much of the work is assessed through controlled assignments.

## **WHAT IS THE PROGRESSION ROUTE FOR THE COURSE?**

BTEC Music is an interesting course in its own right and could lead to further study at AS/A2 level, particularly Music Technology.

## **SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE BTEC MUSIC?**

The BTEC is well suited to students who have an interest in Music but don't take instrumental lessons or feel confident performing in front of others. It also caters for students more interested in popular music or who want to study music technology in the future.

## **DOES THE BTEC COURSE PREPARE MY CHILD FOR AN A LEVEL IN MUSIC?**

The BTEC course prepares your child well for the A level in Music Technology, which extends many of the skills covered in the BTEC course. It would not be recommended in advance of A level Music, which is a more traditional course rooted in music theory and advanced performance skills (ABRSM Grade 5+)

## **WHAT WILL THE EXAM BE LIKE?**

[Sample Unit 1 Exam Paper](#)

