**BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Music**

**What will I need to study this course?**

This course is great for students who love playing, creating, and learning about constructing music. To join, you need to have a grade 5 or higher in GCSE Music and be at grade 3 or above in your main instrument or singing.

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**What will I study?**

You will learn how music is created and how to create music, what working in the music industry looks like and how to perform as a group.

**You must take 3 main units:**

* Practical Music Theory and Harmony
* Professional Practice in the Music Industry
* Ensemble Performance

**You can also choose from units like:**

* Composing Music
* Solo Performance
* Improvising Music

 You will learn to work individually and as a group, accessing a range of styles of music.

**How is the course assessed?**

Your grades will come from 25% exams and 75% non-exam tasks.

**Two units are assessed externally:**

* The first one involves researching and planning a project based on a real music industry situation (like concerts or creative projects).
* The second one requires you to choose 3 songs from a list and perform them in a group. You'll practice this and be graded on the performance and rehearsal process.

**For the non-exam tasks, you will:**

* Create and play music to show you understand music theory.
* Compose your own music (optional)
* Develop a solo performance (optional)
* Show your improvisation skills (optional)
* These tasks will be completed over two years, and you'll make a portfolio with written work, audio, and video recordings to show your progress.



**Where next?**

This course can help you get into university programs in Music, Performing Arts, Music Industry Management, or Arts Management. It can also be useful for other types of courses, apprenticeships, or jobs.

[What can I do with a music degree? | Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/music)

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