

KS4 MUSIC - BTEC



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
BTEC First Award	Pearson Edexcel	N/A

Topics Covered

Pupils study four units over the two years; two core units and two specialist units. The two core units are as follows:

- **Unit 1: The Music Industry.** This is an externally assessed unit which looks at the different parts of the music industry such as promotion, venue, and unions, and different job roles within the industry such as media, performer and manager. The examination is one hour long.
- **Unit 2: Managing a music product.** In this unit you will work to manage the production of a music product such as a concert or a CD. You will plan, develop and deliver the project from start to finish, developing many transferable skills in the process. This year Y10 are in charge of the annual Queensbridge Summerfest! You will then promote your product and review your effectiveness.

The group will also undertake two specialist units:

- **Unit 5: Introducing music performance.** Focusing on DJ skills, rehearsing, developing a performance, reviewing your progress and delivering a final performance.
- **Unit 7: Introducing music sequencing.** Exploring computer generated music, sequencing techniques and producing a piece of sequenced music to a brief.

Assessment

One tier entry. The music BTEC is assessed through an external examination (Unit 1 - 25%) and coursework (75%).

Course Progression

At a further education level music is highly valued by many universities, as it has long been proven that those that studying music show great commitment, determination, increased concentration, great independent and team working skills.

Course Outline

Music BTEC is designed to enthuse and inspire pupils to consider a career in the music industry. It provides pupils with a range of transferable skills such as communication, self-management and team working, as well as developing their musical ability through composition and DJing.

Career Opportunities

There are many career paths that link directly to Music: Professional Musician, Session Musician, Composer, Sound Technician, Sound Engineer, Recording Technician/Engineer, DJ, Music Therapist, Instrumental Teacher etc. There are lots of jobs, ones that you may not even realise value music as a skill, such as Medicine, Law, Armed Forces, Police etc.