

# MUSIC BTEC National

**Qualification** BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music

**Exam Board** Pearson Edexcel

**Course Specific Entry Requirements** Grade 5 or above in GCSE Music **or** Merit or above in Level 2 RSL or BTEC Music **or** Grade 4 standard in any instrument

## Overview

This course is designed to give you the practical skills and knowledge you will need to succeed in the challenging and competitive world of Music. The programme covers a broad basis of study for the music sector with a focus on performance, personal instrumental technique development, music theory and professional practice. This BTEC level 3 will be of particular interest to students who play a musical instrument and are interested in furthering their performance skills. In addition, there will be an opportunity to study composing in a variety of genres.

## What will I learn?

There are four units:

- ▲ **Practical Music Theory and Harmony:** explore music theory through a range of practical and theoretical tasks to improve your musicianship.
- ▲ **Ensemble Music Performance:** you will develop your group performance skills and improve your own instrumental technique through rehearsals, workshops, recording and live performance.
- ▲ **Professional Practice in the Music Industry:** you will learn the key skills required to work in the UK's most successful industry. Learners will have the opportunity to plan, organise and lead on performances and recording sessions.
- ▲ **Optional solo or composition unit:** you will be given the freedom to choose your creative pathway and work on an individual project that is suited towards your musical strengths.

## How will I learn?

You will work independently and collaboratively on musical performances and research into the industry. You will be given the opportunity to perform as a soloist and a member of the group and are expected to rehearse your chosen instrument regularly. You will have access to the Mac suite where you will compose using Sibelius and Logic music software.

## Where could it lead?

The BTEC Music qualification could lead you to a range of careers in the ever-growing music Industry and develop transferable and higher order skills that are valued by Higher Education and employers.