

Course Description

Learn about the various music products, develop valuable skills and techniques in music creation, performance and production and explore potential careers in the industry.

The course is a practical introduction to life and work in the music industry. You can explore the sector while developing skills including teamwork, leadership and communication; developing and presenting music to a brief; analysing, evaluating and enhancing their learning.

Topics Covered

1. Exploring the music industry – explore musical styles and techniques and gain an understanding of roles in the industry.
2. Developing music skills – develop musical knowledge, skills and techniques and apply them to a music product.
3. Responding to a music brief – put skills into practice by responding to a brief as a composer, performer or producer.

Exam Details

One external assessment: Component 3.

Use relevant resources, skills and techniques to develop musical material. Perform your work and review the process and outcome.

Coursework / Controlled Assessment Information

Components one and two are internally assessed assignment briefs.

Enrichment

Students will form their own bands and ensembles as well as be part of a team of concert planners, sound engineers and tech crew. There will be numerous performance opportunities as a soloist and as part of an ensemble throughout the course. Students will also gain experience by visiting music venues such as Belgrave Music Hall, Chapel FM, O2 Academy to interview industry professionals. Students will also have the opportunity to work with professionals from organisations such as Leeds College of Music and DJ School UK.

Progression Route/s

Students can continue their musical studies at college or sixth form centre. Courses on offer can include: A'Level Music, BTEC Level 3 in Music Performance, BTEC Level 3 in Music Technology. Progressing to university means you can then specialise in a much more specific style of music or technology.

Even if you choose not to continue your music studies beyond year 11, the skills you develop during the course will give you a head start when applying to college or for an apprenticeship. It tells the interviewer you are good at the following: working as part of a team; being creative; being resilient; confidence in talking to people including giving presentations; being reliable – good attendance; being committed to a project.