



SIXTH FORM

Music Technology

BTEC Subsidiary
Diploma Level 3
(Year 12)

BTEC National
Certificate Level 3
(Year 13)



WHY CHOOSE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY?

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Music Technology (Level 3), extends the skills acquired at GCSE, allowing specialist interest to flourish. It gives the students a foundation for perusing a career in the sound and music industry, or for study into Higher Education. The BTEC course structure will offer the scope for musicians to make a wider selection in the Sixth Form than ever before.

The BTEC course is an excellent bridge for students who want to continue their musical education beyond GCSE and further their understanding of technological aspects of music, and the music industry.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The study of BTEC at this level leads to Higher Education openings, both in Music Technology and related fields. As there are a range of units that are covered at BTEC it gives students the opportunity to have a good breadth of knowledge through performance, recording and listening to music. All modules include a performing element and the breadth of the course should appeal to all musicians with developed skills in this area.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. Students will need to be committed to practical performance and to developing recording techniques. The performance element benefits greatly from regular performance practice, both within and beyond the school.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12?

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Music Technology will now be taught as a Single Award subject. The Subsidiary Diploma will be awarded at the end of Year 12, with the option of carrying on with the Certificate in Year 13.

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Music Technology: a one-year course, consisting of three units that integrate performance, recording and listening. The units will encompass a variety of skills including music production techniques, performing, listening to music and live sound techniques.

HOW IS THE BTEC CERTIFICATE ASSESSED?

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Music Technology (100% coursework, no exams). There are three units in Year 12 and three units in Year 13.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13?

BTEC Certificate in Music Technology: Another three units to extend the skills learnt in the Subsidiary Diploma.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

Yr 12: at least 4 hours per week.

Yr 13: at least 5 hours per week.

HOW ARE THE COURSES TAUGHT?

Music Technology is in small groups as tutorials, workshop sessions and assignments. Music technology involves considerable practical work on computers and digital multi-track recording.

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