



# BTEC MUSIC

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, creating and listening to music, studio recording or music production, then this BTEC Level 3 qualification is a fantastic way to develop your expertise and experience!



## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance

“An extremely hands-on subject that develops your skills as a musician and offers you more experience going into the modern music industry”



Music is all around us. It influences our moods and emotions, and stimulates us in so many ways. It's a universal language that unites people all over the world. What's more, neurological research has shown that learning a musical instrument is an activity that engages *every* part of your brain: it develops your intelligence, your ability to solve problems, *and* your emotional insight!





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This course will allow you to immerse yourself in music and express yourself as a performer and/or composer. It will give you an understanding of the varied employment opportunities in the music industry, as well as practical experiences and performance opportunities to be proud of!

Our teaching at Altrincham College is carefully adapted to suit your particular interests, abilities and aspirations - both in **what** you study and in **how** you are assessed.

On that note... the music for this presentation has been composed and performed by former student Oliver Jackson!



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## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will normally have already achieved:

5 or above at GCSE Music

OR

Merit or above at NCFE Music Technology

OR

Grade 4/5 standard (or equivalent) on your instrument/voice.



## COURSE OVERVIEW

There are 3 compulsory units:

Music Performance, Practical Music Theory & Harmony, and Professional Practice in the Music Industry.

You will then **choose** from a range of **optional** units to suit your musical tastes and abilities. These include solo performing, composing, improvising & arranging music.

You will learn in a range of styles including practical lessons rehearsing, composing, forming bands and groups, trips to studios, events and concerts.



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## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Some units are externally assessed, while the others are internally assessed and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

A variety of assessment methods are used including presentations, recordings, written projects, exams, and performances.

We will enable you to perform as part of a band, and encourage you to join/ help lead one of our school music ensembles. You will have the opportunity to take part in and organise performances, giving you musical experiences you will remember and cherish for the rest of your life!



# Where next?



BTEC Music students go on to study Music - and many other subjects too - at universities and colleges.

There are so many different careers within and beyond the world of music. The skills required to be a good musician (creativity, listening, perseverance, team work) are greatly valued by further and higher education courses, and by employers in all walks of life.

Pathways include:

Degrees in areas like:

- Music Production, Sound Engineering, Music & Events Management, Popular Music and Performance at unis like LIPA, Leeds Beckett & Salford
- Classical, Jazz and Popular Performance Degrees at music college
- Academic music degrees at university

This can lead on to a career in the music industry: you could become a successful performer, song-writer, composer, producer, sound engineer, music teacher....



# Careers in Music Sound Great!

Orchestral  
Performer

Producer

Conductor

Sound

Booking  
Agent

DJ

Songwriter

Instrument  
Maker

Session

Music  
Therapist

Musician

