

#### Intent:

Altrincham College's music department upholds and champions the musical vision set out by Ofsted in the new 2021 model music curriculum, which expects schools to have "a music curriculum that is ambitious, well-sequenced, implemented well, and which leads to good musical outcomes for all students."

All our students experience stimulating practical and creative musical activities, meeting the expectations of the new model music curriculum. We enthuse our students through engaging, relevant, topic-based musical activities which enable them to acquire and develop a range of confidence-building experiences, knowledge and skills that will lead to a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of music.

Through varied practical and creative activities, alongside a well-balanced approach to listening material, all students are encouraged to acquire and develop their musical knowledge, skills, experience and confidence, and rise to challenges presented across the three core components of Listening & Appraising, Performing, and Composing.

#### **Music Enrichment Activities**

Lunchtime and after-school enrichment activities take place throughout the week. We encourage *everyone* to come along and have a go! Singing together is an amazing and uplifting experience for anyone... and being in a band or orchestra is a brilliant way to enjoy learning an instrument, make friends, and become an even better musician! For 2022-23 these are: Junior Band (Years 7 & 8); Year 9 Band; Senior Bands; School Production Band for *We Will Rock You*; AMTC (Altrincham Musical Theatre Club – run jointly with Drama Dept.)

The annual School Production is a great opportunity for collaboration between Drama, Music & Art Departments, engaging students from across the whole school (Bugsy Malone 2022; We Will Rock You 2023; School of Rock 2024).

# **Instrumental & Vocal Tuition at Altrincham College:**

We offer a wide range of instrumental and vocal music lessons in school.

All our visiting music teachers are highly qualified, have a track record of excellent results with students, and have the enhanced DBS appropriate to working with young people. Lessons take place during the school day on a rota, to avoid the same curriculum lessons being missed.

All members of our team of visiting music teachers charge for lessons on the same basis, agreed annually and endorsed by school Senior Leadership.

We are determined that our offer should represent both excellent value for parents and carers, and favourable terms and conditions for our self-employed visiting teachers.

# Implementation:

Our Music schemes of learning (SoL) enable delivery of stimulating practical, enjoyable and creative musical activities, allowing all students to experience the joy, and the sense of achievement and purpose, that music brings to life.

We often speak of a 'spiral' curriculum in Music, where core skills, concepts and knowledge are continually revisited through different topics and activities; grown and refined along the learning journey. Over time, and through a well-sequenced series of stimulating and engaging musical topics, pupils develop their core musical skills of performing, composing and appraising, and acquire familiarity and confidence with the Elements of Music, forms of Notation, and key Genres and Contexts.

Each topic includes summative assessment of students' performing/composing/listening work, as appropriate to the topic. We assess a range of musical performance skills in the classroom (e.g. keyboard, ukulele/guitar, singing, music technology, mixed percussion instruments), and place importance on collaborative Peer Assessment as well as Teacher Assessment.

### **Literacy within Music as a discipline**

Each topic has its own carefully designed Knowledge Organiser that explains the key musical concepts and terminology for that topic. All students have their own copy in their Music folder, and a digital copy is always attached to the homework quizzes we set on Class Charts & MS Teams to provide regular subject-knowledge retrieval practice.

Musical literacy (understanding staff notation) is developed through carefully sequenced activities that develop students' familiarity and confidence with reading and writing pitch and rhythm notation.

### **Y10 & 11 GCSE**

Through varied practical and creative activities, all students are encouraged to acquire and develop musical skills, experience and confidence, and rise to challenges presented across all three core components of Performing, Composing and Appraising.

The Eduqas specification encourages an integrated approach to the three distinct disciplines of performing, composing and appraising through four interrelated Areas of Study. The four Areas of Study are designed to develop knowledge and understanding of music through the study of a variety of genres and styles in a wider context.

The Western Classical Tradition forms the basis of Musical Forms and Devices (Area of Study 1), and students explore these forms and devices further in the other three Areas of Study.

Music for Ensemble (Area of Study 2) allows students to look more closely at texture and sonority.

Film Music (Area of Study 3) and Popular Music (Area of Study 4) provide an opportunity to explore contrasting styles and genres of music.

### Y10 NCFE

Content Area 1 introduces students to music technology and the music business, exploring the different jobs and roles found in the industry, the development of technology and an introduction to the basics of using a Digital Audio Workstation. Content Area 2 is about the hardware and software components that combine

to make a Digital Audio Workstation, their functions and how to use them to produce and edit audio and MIDI. Content Area 3 explores the musical elements of structure, rhythm, melody, harmony and instrumentation, and how they are used to produce music in different styles.
V11 NCFE In Content Area 4, students learn about the different types and methods of Sound Creation and how they are used in various forms of media. Content Area 5 covers multi-track recording. Students learn about the equipment used in a recording studio and how to plan and undertake a recording session using the equipment. They then learn how to produce a mix using the music software.
Students are then set a Non-Examination Assessment which is completed in lesson time, followed by a written external assessment at the conclusion of the course.

Long Term Departmental Planning Overview		Subject:	Music			
	HT1 topics	HT2 topics	HT3 topics	HT4 topics	HT5 topics	HT6 topics
Knowledge / Topic	Bumps and Crashes (Elements of Music)	Pitch Notation & Keyboard Skills	Samba, Pulse and Rhythm	Fanfares, Marches & Waltzes	Instruments of The Orchestra 1	Instruments of The Orchestra 2
		Keyboard Skills  Keeping a beat Listening & watching Moving together Solo/duo performing  Focus on PITCH, through simple and familiar Christmas Songs.  Introduction to staff notation (focus on PITCH in treble clef)		•	The Orchestra 1  Understand families and instruments of the orchestra:  Brass, Strings (What they sound & look like; how they work & are played)  Know exemplar composer & work, and musical genre, e.g. focus piece Beethoven's Ode to Joy = a classical symphony.  Embed and extend knowledge of staff notation (pitch – C major scale and rhythm – dotted rhythms) through learning to play Ode to Joy	The Orchestra 2  Understand families and instruments of the orchestra: Woodwind, Percussion (What they sound & look like; how they work & are played)  Keyboard performance assessment in June (Ode to Joy)  Practise recognising sound and look of orchestral instruments using further examples of Peter and The Wolf and The Young Person's Guide to The Orchestra
				Anually in early March.		

Subject	Ensemble	Introduction to the	Perform 4-beat	Understand what a	Solo or duo	Assessed performance
Specific Skills/	performance	electronic keyboard:	rhythms:	triad is (CEG)	performance of	(BSG) of focus piece
Techniques	Body percussion	safe and proper use	Repeat one = ostinato	, ,	orchestral greats:	Ode to Joy
·	Small percussion	of the equipment	Combine them =	Solo/ensemble	focus piece <i>Ode to Joy</i>	(extension/challenge
	instruments		polyrhythm	performing and	by Beethoven.	version includes bass
	Performing in Pairs &	Use correct finger		composing: triadic		notes and
	Fours	shape and 5-finger	Writing 4/4 rhythms	fanfare using CEG	Reinforce correct	chords/rhythm style)
		pattern for C-G	with correct notation		finger shape and 5-	
	Story-telling		and knowledge of	Introduce key	finger pattern for C-G.	Layout of the full
	Composing/Improvisi	Start with 5-note	note lengths:	composing	Links back to Jingle	orchestra.
	ng	melody	Quaver, crotchet,	techniques:	Bells at Xmas!	Historical &
	using the Elements	Jingle Bells, then	minim, semibreve	Unison, Harmony		technological context:
	of Music	introduce more		and extend with	Listening & appraising	understand why
		challenging options	Vocalised word	Canon, Inversion,	example of Orchestral	instruments are/aren't
	Interpret, read &	according to ability.	rhythms	Retrograde,	greats:	normally found in an
	write examples of		Body percussion	Contrary Motion	Ode to Joy from	orchestra.
	Graphic Score	Perform chosen	Samba percussion		Symphony No. 9 by	
		Christmas song	Performing in Pairs &		Beethoven	Further listening &
	Listening &		Fours	Listening &		appraising examples of
	appraising	Listening &		appraising examples		Orchestral greats:
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Knowledge /	Programme Music &	Folk Music of the	Songwriting 1	Songwriting 2	Reggae 1	Reggae 2
Topic	Leitmotifs	British Isles	'Stand by Me'	Compose your own		1.088.0 =
				song		_
Key Concepts	Understand	Understand what we	Learn a classic 4-chord	Use knowledge &	Key features of	Performance
	chromatic notes	Understand what we mean by Folk Music.	song, using this	Use knowledge & skills developed in	Reggae:	assessment in June of
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the	mean by Folk Music.	song, using this enduringly popular	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose	Reggae: Subject material	assessment in June of focus piece <i>Buffalo</i>
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale,	mean by Folk Music.  Introduction to key	song, using this	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation	assessment in June of focus piece <i>Buffalo</i> <i>Soldier</i> <u>or</u> <i>Three Little</i>
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale, musical intervals	mean by Folk Music. Introduction to key British folk genres,	song, using this enduringly popular example: <i>Stand by Me</i>	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own song/instrumental	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation Rhythmic feel	assessment in June of focus piece <i>Buffalo</i>
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale,	mean by Folk Music.  Introduction to key British folk genres, typical instruments	song, using this enduringly popular example: <i>Stand by Me</i> Embed correct use of	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation Rhythmic feel (especially	assessment in June of focus piece <i>Buffalo</i> <i>Soldier</i> <u>or</u> <i>Three Little</i> <i>Birds</i>
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale, musical intervals (tone and semitone)	mean by Folk Music.  Introduction to key British folk genres, typical instruments and musical	song, using this enduringly popular example: Stand by Me  Embed correct use of triad chords, including	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own song/instrumental piece.	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation Rhythmic feel	assessment in June of focus piece Buffalo Soldier or Three Little Birds  Post-Assessment
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	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale, musical intervals (tone and semitone)  Appreciate how music can create atmosphere and	mean by Folk Music.  Introduction to key British folk genres, typical instruments and musical features.  Focus on Sea	song, using this enduringly popular example: Stand by Me  Embed correct use of triad chords, including how to construct a triad.	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own song/instrumental piece.  Show you understand how to compose a Chord	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation Rhythmic feel (especially off-beat chords)  History & Context: Slavery; Jamaica – UK	assessment in June of focus piece Buffalo Soldier or Three Little Birds  Post-Assessment activity: Compose and perform your own Reggae
	chromatic notes (sharps & flats), the chromatic scale, musical intervals (tone and semitone)  Appreciate how music can create	mean by Folk Music.  Introduction to key British folk genres, typical instruments and musical features.	song, using this enduringly popular example: Stand by Me  Embed correct use of triad chords, including how to construct a	Use knowledge & skills developed in HT3 to compose your own song/instrumental piece.  Show you understand how to	Reggae: Subject material Instrumentation Rhythmic feel (especially off-beat chords) History & Context:	assessment in June of focus piece Buffalo Soldier or Three Little Birds  Post-Assessment activity: Compose and perform
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	'Programme' Music		Bass Riff, Chords,	Show you		Whole-class ensemble
	as		Rhythm, Melody	understand song		performance of model
	precursor to film		Taryerini, iviciouy	structure (Intro,		songs
	music.		Correct and consistent	Verse, Chorus,		301183
	music.		chord shapes for	Outro)		
	Links back to Y7 HT1		keyboard and ukulele	oution		
	story-telling in		(use tab notation for	Show you can		
	'Bumps & Crashes'		ukulele)	compose a		
	bumps & crushes		ukuicicj	song/instrumental,		
	Understand and		Understand the	starting with a chord		
	distinguish between		structure of a song:	progression, then		
	musical layers:		Intro, Verse, Chorus,	adding a bass riff,		
	Melody, Chords,		Outro	then a melody		
	Bass line		Odtio	then a melody		
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Subject	Perform famous	Learn to sing & play	Learn to perform each	Ensemble	Model songs by Bob	End-of-Year
Specific Skills/	themes and	Drunken Sailor	layer of the song on	performance of own	Marley:	Performance
Techniques	leitmotifs:		keyboard/ukulele/guit	song; various	Buffalo Soldier	Assessment: BSG
	In the Hall of the	Minor scales and	ar/	instruments	Three Little Birds	criteria reflect higher
	Mountain King	chords:	drums (Bass Riff,	depending on		demands &
	Swan Lake	Recognise how they	Chords,	students' choices –	Both songs contain 3	expectations at end of
	Ride of The Valkyries	sound & understand	Rhythm, Melody)	can include non-	Musical Layers:	Y8: combine up to 3
	,	how to construct	,,,	taught styles e.g. rap	Melody, Chords, Bass	musical layers
	Correct use of	them.		and beatboxing	line	(Melody, Chords, Bass
	chromatic notes.		Small ensemble	within the context of		Line)
	Revise Y7 pitch	Additional example	performances of Stand	the brief.	N.B. spiral	
	notation knowledge	of Sea Shanty: <i>The</i>	by Me – instruments		reinforcements in	
		Wellerman	selected by students,	Further listening &	chosen model songs:	Post-Assessment
	Listening &		once all layers are	appraising examples	Buffalo Soldier	activity:
	appraising examples	Understand and	known.	of songs (including	reinforces	Compose and perform
	of Programme music	recognise rhythmic		catchy chord	major/minor chord	your own Reggae
	from genres <i>before</i>	feel of compound	Reinforce correct	progressions,	contrast.	song/instrumental
	films existed:	time (6/8) in lots of	finger patterns for	famous bass riffs,	Three Little Birds	using Reggae style
	concert, ballet,	British folk music,	triads/chords on	and instructions for	reinforces black notes	features learned in
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Knowledge /	Variations 1	Variations 2	Film Music 1	Film Music 2	Work Songs, Blues &	Work Songs, Blues &
Topic	Ground Bass	Theme & Variations	Famous Film Themes	Compose your own soundtrack	Protest Songs 1	Protest Songs 2
	Ground Bass Variations  Longer (8-bar) bass lines and chord sequences  Primary and secondary triads  Similar technique used in old and modern musical styles: Pachelbel, Coolio, Maroon 5, The Farm  Melody & counter- melody Canon/Round Polyphonic textures	Theme & Variations  Balanced ('Question & Answer') phrasing Regular phrase length Common variation techniques: canon, inversion, minor keylinks back to Y7 Fanfares topic composing techniques	Understand how the elements of Music are manipulated to create Music for a specific purpose (film)  Understand the key features of different genres of film music (e.g. types of instrumentation – brass for heroic, legato strings for romantic or extremes of pitch for horror)	Focus on music for Sci-Fi genre, leading to composing project: how to make an atmospheric soundtrack to a short clip from The Abyss.  2023 = BandLab Assignment 'Y9 Sci-Fi Movie Music'	Call & response 12-Bar Blues structure AAB lyrics I, IV, V chord sequence Instrumental fills Walking Bass Seventh Chords Blue notes/Blues scale Understand social and historical context of work songs and Blues	Performance assessment in June of focus piece: 12 Bar Blues  Understand social and historical context of protest songs – e.g. anti-slavery, suffragettes, civil rights, anti-racist  Rise of Hip-hop and Rap as protest.  Compose own Protest Song

Subject	Learn to play	Learn to perform	Solo and ensemble	Develop confidence	Revisit Sea Shanty	End-of-Year
Specific Skills/	multiple parts	model example of	performance of	and skill in using	Drunken Sailor (from	Performance
Techniques	(layers) of	Frere Jacques	famous film themes	BandLab to create a	Y8 Folk Music topic) as	Assessment: BSG
·	Pachelbel's Canon	Theme	(leitmotifs: links back	Film Composition	example of work song	criteria reflect higher
			to Y8 HT1), including	comprising film clip	,	demands &
	Know how to play all	then compose	James Bond 007	& appropriate	12-Bar Blues	expectations at end of
	6 primary and	variations to	Theme	accompanying		Y9: combine 7 <sup>th</sup>
	secondary (major	demonstrate: canon,	Star Wars – Imperial	melody, rhythm,	Model Rock 'n' Roll	Chords and Walking
	and minor) triads in	inversion, minor key	March/Darth Vader	texture, timbre and	(12-Bar Blues) songs	Bass; extension to
	C major: I ii iii IV V vi		Harry Potter –	tempo, dynamics.	by Chuck Berry:	include Blues
			Hedwig's Theme		Jonny B Goode	improvisation
	Recognise Bass Clef	Listening &		Listening &	Run, Run, Rudolph	
	notation for low	appraising of further	Listening & appraising	appraising further		Listening & appraising
	pitch	Theme & Variations	of Film music:	examples of Film	Listening & appraising	examples of protest
		examples:	'How the music sets	music from Sci-Fi	examples of work	songs from USA and
	Composing activity in	Mahler – <i>Frere</i>	the mood' in scenes	genre, using Key	songs:	GB, e.g. Civil Rights
	BandLab:	Jacques variations	from <i>Pirates of The</i>	Words from Film	Chain Gang song &	anthem We shall
	'Pachelbel's Remix'	Mozart – Twinkle,	Caribbean	Music	Field Hollers, Blues	overcome
		Twinkle variations	use Key Words from		and rock 'n' roll:	
	Listening &		Film Music (see topic		examples above	
	appraising all topic		Knowledge Organiser)			Writing lyrics for
	example songs:					work/protest songs
	Pachelbel - Canon					including rap option.
	Coolio – I'll c u when					Chaveyoursona
	I get there Maroon 5 -					Show your song-
	Memories					writing knowledge,
						performing and
	The Farm – Alright Now					composing skills from KS3!
	NOW					V22:
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	Forms & Devices (1)	Popular Music (1)	Music for Ensembles	Film Music (1)	Forms & Devices (2)	Performing (3)
GCSE Music		Toto: Africa (1)	(1)		Popular Music (2)	Record SOLO
(Edugas)	Performing:			Performing:	Music for Ensemble	performance for end-
(Lauyas)	Ensemble		Performing:		(2)	of-year exam.
	Improvising				Film Music (2)	

What I Need to Know: Rhythm & Metre  Composing: Introduction to Sibelius music- notation software	What I Need to Know: Melody, Tonality & Harmony  Performing: Solo performance, and ensemble for Christmas Concert  Composing: AABA melody with diatonic chordal accompaniment. Primary & secondary triads.	Preparing for 'Live Lounge'  Composing: exploring other keys and tonalities, e.g. G major (dominant), A minor (relative minor)	Live Lounge solo/ensemble performances  Composing: Setting words to music, and how to notate	Composing: Begin Composition 2 ('Free' Composition)	Prepare for Y10 end of year Appraising exam (past paper minus Set Works questions).  Post-exam period: Bach: Badinerie (1)  Toto: Africa (2) with focus on ensemble preparation for Summer Concert performance.
Forms & Devices (3) Music for ensemble (3)  Bach: Badinerie (2)  Composing: Begin Composition 1 (Composing to a given brief) Briefs released by Eduqas at start of September	Popular Music (3) Toto: Africa (3) Film Music (3)  Performing: Planning and preparing Ensemble performing  Composing: Continue work on both NEA compositions	Bach: Badinerie (3)  Mock Exam  Performing: Preparing for 'Live Lounge'  Begin recording NEA Solo & Ensemble Performing  Composing: Continue work on both NEA compositions	Forms and Devices (4) Popular Music (4) Music for Ensembles (4) Film Music (4)  Complete recording of all NEA Solo & Ensemble Performing  Composing: Complete scores & recordings for NEA Compositions 1 & 2  Complete NEA Composing Logs for final submission	Revision of all Areas of Study and Set Works for final Appraising Examination in June  Internal marking of all Performing and Composing NEA coursework must be complete, and all work ready for online submission, by 5th May	APPRAISING EXAMINATION in June

NCFE Music Technology	HT1 topics Introduction to music technology and the music business 1.1 Roles and responsibilities within the music business. 1.2 Development of music technology.	HT2 topics Introduction to music technology and the music business  1.3 Music business  Marketing Promotion Selling and distributing music  Multitrack recording	HT3 topics  The digital audio workstation (DAW) 2.1 The digital audio workstation (DAW) 2.1.1 Hardware components 2.1.2 Software functions	HT4 topics  The digital audio workstation (DAW) 2.2 Using DAW software functions 2.2.1 Creating audio using a DAW 2.2.2 Health and safety  Non-exam	Musical elements, musical style and music technology 3.1 Musical elements 3.1.1 Structural sections 3.1.2 Form 3.1.3 Melody 3.1.4 Harmony 3.1.5 Rhythm 3.1.6 Instrumentation	HT6 topics  Musical elements, musical style and music technology 3.2 Musical styles 3.2.1 Musical elements and styles 3.2.2 Musical styles and technologies
	4.1 Sound creation 4.1.1 Forms of media 4.1.2 Types of sound creation 4.1.3 Methods of sound creation	5.1 Multitrack recording recording 5.1.1 Equipment in the recording studio	5.2 Multitrack recording sessions 5.2.1 Planning multitrack recording sessions	assessment (NEA) 60% of the technical award 120 marks The completion time for the NEA is 17	assessment (NEA) continued  Submission date by 26 May 2023	(EA) 40% of technical award Written examination: • 80 marks • 1 hour 30 minutes • a mixture of

4.1.4 Arranging	5.1.2 Health and	5.2.2 Multitrack	hours. The NEA will	multiple-choice, short-
sounds	safety in the	recordings	assess the learner's	answer and extended
4.1.5 Exporting	recording studio	5.2.3 Mixing	ability to effectively	response questions
sound creation		5.3 Stereo mixdowns	draw together their	
			knowledge,	
			understanding and	
			skills from across the	
			whole specification.	

## How can studying Music help me now and in the future?

According to the World Economic Forum, creativity is one of the most important and in-demand skills at work. When business leaders across the world were surveyed, they voted creativity as the most important workplace skill to help their businesses survive and grow. This means that the study of creative subjects like Music is even more important and relevant to young people to give them the chance to succeed – whatever their ambitions. At the same time, they will find many opportunities to develop and improve personal wellbeing both independently and as part of a wider community.

## What skills will I gain?

The practical skills of performing and composing music demonstrate creativity, reflection and resilience, as well as developing confidence and presentation skills. Studying music gives opportunities for higher-order thinking, by considering ideas which go beyond language. This is great brain-training which helps in other areas too. You will gain a deep understanding of a number of transferable skills and practise applying these to new situations, developing analytical and problem-solving skills. Through studying music, you will be equipped with the skills to succeed in your next steps.

#### What could I do next?

The possibilities are endless. Music will enable you to demonstrate many skills which employers, colleges and universities are looking for. It can also give you opportunities to travel, meet people and get the most out of life!

#### **Careers in Music**

Whether or not you dream of becoming a professional singer, songwriter, musician, record producer or sound technician, there are many careers on offer in the vast UK music industry. A report by UK Music, the UK music industry body, has highlighted the true impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the industry. The findings from *This Is Music 2021* revealed that the industry's economic contribution fell by 46% from £5.8billion in 2019 to £3.1billion in 2020. Employment also fell by 35% from 197,000 in the previous year to 128,000, as music festivals and live events were cancelled and studios and venues were forced to close.

However, while it's undoubtedly been a tough time for those working in the industry, now things have opened up again, those with the talent, tenacity and drive to forge music careers still have cause to be optimistic about the future. In terms of career options, singers and musicians may be the most visible jobs in music, but you could carve out a career in a number of areas including performing, songwriting, composing, live music entertainment, music education, music production, artist management, marketing and PR, or music journalism.

Portfolio careers are common in the music business. This means having several streams of income at the same time, often combining jobs with freelance work. For example, session musicians could also make money as music teachers, and with the right knowledge and experience, DJs and recording engineers can move into music production, while concert promoters can move into marketing and PR roles.

#### Useful links to further information on Careers in Music:

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/creative-arts-and-design/careers-in-music

www.careersinmusic.com/music-careers

