

Music



As a result of recent developments with the Government's decision to review the inclusion of BTEC Music within the KS4 curriculum, we are still awaiting information regarding the possible future of this course.

However, if the Government no longer include BTEC Music on the KS4 performance tables, we will be moving towards a more traditional GCSE Music course.

The GCSE and BTEC Music courses both involve solo / ensemble performances and composition (music making) coursework. However, the GCSE includes a major written examination paper, specifically focused around listening to music with understanding. The content of this listening examination paper will be taught during the vast majority of classroom Music lessons and the learning will be broken down into different areas of study.

It is crucial that students take part in weekly extra-curricular instrumental / vocal lessons and perform on their instrument to a proficient standard. Individual practice needs to be undertaken at home, in preparation for solo and ensemble performances. Advice and guidance from specialist instrumental teachers allow for individual progression outside the classroom.

Skills needed and developed:

The course builds on knowledge from Key Stage 3 and gives students the opportunity to further develop a variety of skills:

Individual performance skills

Ensemble performance skills

Composition skills

Listening and appraising skills

Possible Pathways and Careers:

Various career opportunities within music technology (eg. Studio, Television and Radio work)

Music Composer

Music Conductor

Music Teacher

Popular / Classical Musician

