

BTEC National Certificate

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

BTEC Music Performance allows you to develop practical and industry skills whilst also improving your music theory. The BTEC course is equivalent to one full A Level. This course is designed for those who are looking at performance only routes into music and would work well paired with Music Production and/or A Level Music.

Introduction

Music Performance will provide many performance opportunities and paired with other music subjects, you will have access to the music theory, music production, and music technology skills necessary for a full career in music.

As part of the course, you will have the opportunity to perform both as a soloist and as part of an ensemble in a variety of situations. If you enjoy performing and want to focus on the more contemporary / popular side of music and performance – this is the course for you.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry plus any ONE of the following:

- GCSE Music (minimum grade 4)
- Grade 5 in an instrument
- Grade 5 in music theory
- Related experience of music inside/outside of school
- By audition

How will I be assessed

You will be assessed through external and internal vocational and academic assessments. Just over 30% of the course will be externally assessed, 70% internally assessed.

Assessment may include performances, rehearsals, community projects, research presentations or written reports.

What will I study

On the Music Performance course, you will study four units:

- Session styles
- Ensemble performance
- Professional practice in the music industry
- Practical music and theory

The course offers students the chance to focus on their performance skills as a starting point for their further musical study. The course particularly appeals to students with popular contemporary musical interests. Students perform in a variety of situations across the two years of the course. To study the BTEC course at St John Rigby College, you must be a confident performer with a desire to perform in front of others.

Where will this course lead me

Due to the transferable skills that music offers, this course is likely to lead onto a performance-based course at university such as BIMM, Leeds, or Salford.