

Course Title: Music

Course Code/Codes: 600/6818/8

Examining Body: Pearson Edexcel

What is the aim of this course?

We experience music in a wide range of ways in our everyday lives. Studying music teaches you to understand the hugely diverse and varied world of music that exists within and beyond your day to day experience. It also allows you to gain experience and expertise in an area that you have a particular creative interest in.

The course provides music students with skills and knowledge to become musicians, performing and composing music with your voice, instruments and technology. You will learn about music products, develop valuable skills and techniques in music creation, perform and produce your own music pieces, and explore potential careers in the industry. You will experience a practical introduction to life and work in the industry whilst developing skills including, teamwork, leadership and communication.

Why should I choose this course?

This course can help you take the first steps towards a career in the music industry. You'll learn essential skills from performing and composing to producing, sound engineering and promoting a new track, album or concert. You'll demonstrate your ability to work to a deadline, collaborate and produce original music products.

You will study two mandatory units, covering the fundamental knowledge, skills and understanding required for the music sector: the music industry, managing a music product.

You will build on the knowledge gained in the mandatory units, and explore two subsectors of the music industry, by choosing a further two units, covering areas such as: introducing live sound, introducing music composition, introducing music performance, introducing music recording, introducing music sequencing.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: The Music Industry

- External assessment set by Pearson
- Written exam: 1hr
- 25% of qualification

Component 2: Managing a Music Product

- Assignments totalling 30hrs
- 25% of qualification

Component 3 & 4: Optional Specialist units

- Each component is 25% of qualification

Is this course for me?

Do you... enjoy music technology? Play or want to play an instrument or sing? Listen to music and have an interest in creating music? Want to be creative and enjoy developing your own music or have a desire to work in the world of music? If you answered 'Yes', then the music course is right for you!

Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in music. These include:

- Musician/Composer
- Record/Music production
- Recording engineer
- A & R co-ordinator
- Promotion manager
- Healthcare
- Game music designer
- Singer/Songwriter

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