KS5 | Curriculum
Music Performance

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate / Pearson

What will I learn about?

Music Performance at BTEC is an exciting, varied and practical course that combines and further develops the skills of Ensemble Performing, Composing, Solo Performance, Music Theory and understanding of the music industry.

How is my work assessed?

Your work will be assessed through coursework, practical performances and externally assessed units. The course is mostly practical, however there are theory elements and written coursework to consider. You will learn through opportunities to:

- Work independently as part of a team to prepare a range of performances for a public audience
- Develop your performance, arranging and theory skills through lessons and workshops
- Perform high-quality practical work to live audiences
- Gain in depth understanding of the music industry through research and practice.
- Work in a vocational context using high-quality facilities and resources

What should I consider before starting this subject?

Do you have a passion for Music performance? Can you play a musical instrument or sing to a competent level? Do you work well with other musicians? Are you happy to perform as part of a group and as a soloist? Do you enjoy composing your own Music? If the answer is yes to these questions, then this is the course for you!

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

Several of our students have progressed to universities or conservatoires such as The Academy of Contemporary Music and BIMM to study Music degrees or degrees which place an emphasis on performance/ presentation skills or require creative/analytical skills.

This course would also be a solid foundation for any degree course which requires well-developed teamwork, communication, creativity and independence. A variety of career paths relating to the above degrees as well as music teaching, music/artistic events management etc. Any career which requires organisational, communication or creative skills would be a good progression route.

Entry requirements

You must be competent on an instrument or be able to sing. You may be required to audition for the Music Department to gain a place on this course.

GCSE Music at grade 4 or above, or BTEC Level 2 at a Level 2 Pass is helpful, but not essential if you are successful at audition.

Where can I find more information?

Key member of staff: Miss Breckin – Head of Music

Qualification Specification: BTEC 2016 Specification